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**BANAT LITERATURE AS A PART OF THE LITERATURE OF BULGARIAN
CATHOLICS – LEXICAL DATA OF SUCCESSION**

Abstract: The Banat Bulgarians (Palkeni) are part of the Bulgarian Catholic community, and the study of the linguistic and cultural connections between these two groups is necessary to help affirm the identity of the Banat Bulgarians and recognize them as a full-fledged part of Bulgarian society – with its specifics, but also with its common features. Since the literature of the Banat Bulgarians developed in emigration after the Chiprovtsi uprising of 1688, it is necessary to trace to what extent on a linguistic level it approaches the literature created by the rest of the Bulgarian Catholic Bulgarian lands. The report aims to present preliminary observations of lexical continuity between the Banat Bulgarians and the Catholic Bulgarians around Plovdiv according to book monuments from the 19th century.

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