

Men of rank and position
and learning were persecuted
the books which had ^{also}
adorned the periods of Simeon
~~of Simeon~~ which the periods
of Simeon & Asen had
enriched our literature &
in which of moral the spiritual
the intellectual & the social
condition & development of
our fathers were reflected
and on the pages of which
the annals of our history
were engraved were
~~valued~~ ^{carefully} delivered to the
flames wherever they were
found. ~~the~~ the old Bulgarian
the rich & sonorous Slavic, the
language of the Slavonian
apostles Cyril & Methodius.
in which the glad tidings
of Salvation were for the
first time preached to
the millions of Slavonian
from the happy shores of
the Archipelago to the cold
regions of the Baltic, from
the turbulent ^{waves of the} Danube
the calm waters of the
Elba - the only language
perhaps in which the first
book written was the word
of God - was suppressed &
superseded by the Classic Greek

of the 15th Century and more especially the
the wars of liberation of Karadjorge and Michael
Obrenovitch & the rebellion of Greece were first
to give the Bulgarians the onward impulse
of regeneration & progress. But we may safely
place the date of the rapid and successful
revival of the Bulgarians towards advancement
and civilisation & towards national aspira-
ration from the time of the Crimean war.

The Treaty of Paris was scarcely signed ^{when}
the Bulgarians made their first ^{for the} step towards
name known in Europe by the so called
Bulg. Eccles. Question. From the close of the
Russian Campaign in 1828 to the close of the
Campaign in 1856 a ray of light had succeeded
to penetrate the dark minds of the Bulgarians and
as soon as they began opening their eyes they saw
the deplorable condition in which they were
plunged and clearly understood that no hope
remained for their happy & prosperous future but
in their intellectual & moral regeneration. At the
very outset however, they found their way blocked
by the spiritual & intellectual tyranny which the
servants of the Greek Patriarch were exercising over
them. The first ^{young} Bulgarian who attempted to read
a prayer in church in the old Bulgarian language
was slapped before the shrine of the altar and igno-
miniously expelled from church because he had
dared to offend the ears of God by a strange language
and the first Bulgarians ^{who} opened Bulgarian
schools to teach ^{the} rudiments of knowledge in
their own language were denounced as he-
retics in the eyes of the church and as con-