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Prispevek k delovanju sežanske ženske podružnice Družbe sv. Cirila in Metoda

IZVLEČEK

Članek na podlagi arhivskih in časopisnih virov oriše delovanje ženske podružnice Družbe sv. Cirila in Metoda za Sežano in okolico od njene ustanovitve leta 1892 do začetka prve svetovne vojne. Podobno kot ostale podružnice je prirejala veselice in dobrodne prireditve, organizirala nabirke in izpeljala vsakoletni podružnični občni zbor. Bila pa je tudi prva ženska podružnica, ki je organizirala in gostila veliko letno skupščino celotne Družbe CMD 26. julija 1894 v Sežani. V članku so predstavljene tudi življenjske zgodbe posameznic, ki so vidneje sodelovale v podružnici.

KLJUČNE BESEDE

Družba sv. Cirila in Metoda, ženske podružnice, Sežana, biografije

ABSTRACT

A CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE SEŽANA-BASED WOMEN'S SUBSIDIARY OF THE CYRIL AND METHODIUS SOCIETY

Based on archival and newspaper sources the article describes the work of the women's subsidiary of the Cyril and Methodius Society for Sežana and its surroundings from its founding in 1892 to the beginning of the First World War. Similarly to other subsidiaries, it organised fêtes, charity and fundraising events, and held annual general meetings. It was the first women's subsidiary to have organised and housed a great annual meeting of the entire Cyril and Methodius Society, which took place on 26 July 1894 in Sežana. The article also presents life stories of some members who played a visible part in the subsidiary's operations.

KEY WORDS

Cyril and Methodius Society, women's subsidiaries, Sežana, biographies

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S U M M A R Y

A contribution to the work of the Sežana-based women's subsidiary of the Cyril and Methodius Society

The article first briefly presents the Cyril and Methodius Society, which was founded in 1885. Special focus is on the role of women who massively joined its subsidiaries and distinguished themselves in charitable service and raising national awareness.

Based on archival and newspaper sources the article then describes the work of the women's subsidiary of the Cyril and Methodius Society for Sežana and its surroundings. The subsidiary was founded with a decree issued by the Trieste Lieutenancy No. 16877/1 on 6 October 1892. According to the data published in yearly calendars (gazettes) of the Cyril and Methodius Society, the subsidiary had 108 female members on its foundation and 133 in 1898, which was its all-time high. In 1903, its membership dropped to 59 and then increased again in the years immediately preceding the First World War, but never exceeded 95. The women's subsidiary in Sežana dissolved before the end of the First World War and was not restored afterwards. In this regard, its destiny was similar to that of all other subsidiaries in the Littoral which were never brought back to life, once this part of Slovenian territory was made part of Italy.

As established from available sources, the Sežana-based subsidiary had, similarly to other subsidiaries of the Cyril and Methodius Society, organised fetes, fundraising and charity events, and held annual general meetings. It was the first women's subsidiary to have organised and housed a great annual meeting of the entire Cyril and Methodius Society, which took place on 26 July 1894 in Sežana. It was there that Slovenian women were for the first time awarded the »Palm of Victory«, which the Cyril and Methodius Society conferred for exceptional accomplishments. The successfully implemented general meeting brought great praise to the women of Sežana and received major press coverage. The subsidiary collaborated with the men's subsidiary in Sežana, which was founded only two years after the women's subsidiary. Together they implemented many successful campaigns and events.

The subsidiary's roster includes quite a few names of Sežana's known female inhabitants. The article focuses on those who played a visible part in the society's operations, e.g. presidents, secretaries and treasurers (Marija Mahorčič and her daughter Mici Mahorčič Treo, Franja Gulič, Zinka Kastelic Rybář, Maša Grom and Marija Skrinjar). The article also provides a short outline of their life stories.