
News from Russia and Abroad

● A number of new magazines, almanacs, and periodicals, including literary ones, have appeared in Russia during the last several years. Among them are publications dedicated to L.N. Tolstoy, such as, for instance, the almanac *Dom v Trubnikakh* (House in Trubniki), the richly illustrated magazine *Iasnaia Poliana* or an almanac called *Voskresenie* (Resurrection).

Certainly there is no publication which, in the eyes of scholars and serious readers, has been able to replace *Iasnopolianskiĭ sbornik* (the Iasnaia Poliana Collection), which, starting in 1955, came out every two years for almost forty years. It ceased publication in 1992 because of financial, managerial, and other difficulties. Now, due to the initiative and efforts of Tolstoy's grand grandson Vladimir Tolstoy, director of the writer's museum in Iasnaia Poliana, and renowned Tolstoy scholar Lidiia Gromova-Opul'skaia, an all new, nineteenth issue of *Iasnopolianskiĭ sbornik* is about to appear.

The new *Iasnopolianskiĭ sbornik* will have the same familiar format. Like previous issues, it tackles a wide range of problems of interest in modern Tolstoy scholarship. There is a large critical section in which scholars from Moscow, St.-Petersburg and provincial Russia are well represented. There is also an article by American Slavist H. McLean.

Iasnopolianskiĭ sbornik will devote a large amount of space to memoirs about Tolstoy and his correspondence with various addressees and to materials which reveal Tolstoy's personal and artistic relationships with his contemporaries, such as I.S. Turgenev, V.S. Solov'ev, V.V. Rozanov, W. Wolling, etc. There will also be a section called "Iasnopolianskaia biblioteka" (Iasnaia Poliana's library).

There is so much yearning among scholars and publishers in Russia for high quality literary publications that the editors are already preparing the next issue. I hope that readers will not be indifferent to their efforts.

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● Two valuable new reference books will be published in the near future. They are L.D. Opul'skaia's *Materialy k biografii L.N. Tolstogo s 1892 po 1899 g.*, and Galina Alekseeva's continuation of the series cataloguing the books in Tolstoy's library at Iasnaia Poliana. The latest volume will list the books in foreign languages, and will include Tolstoy's marginalia.

● Andrew Donskov (University of Ottawa) who has been awarded the Pushkin Prize and Medal from MAPRIAL (International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature) for scholarly contributions to Russian literature and the dissemination of Russian culture, is currently editing Sergei L. Tolstoy's Diary of his journey to Canada with the Doukhobors in 1899. The volume will be published this year by the University of Ottawa and the L.N. Tolstoy Museum in Moscow. He is also working on a monograph, *Leo Tolstoy and the Canadian Doukhobors*. In connection with this project, he would be grateful if anyone would be willing to share any materials touching however broadly on the general subject.

● A conference will be held in the State Museum of Lev Tolstoy at Iasnaia Poliana from September 29 to October 3, 1998, to honour the 170th anniversary of Tolstoy's birth. *Tolstoy Studies Journal* will be publishing some of the conference proceedings. For information on the conference, you may contact Donna Orwin at dorwin@chass.utoronto.ca. She will pass on your questions to the Russian organizers.