The Russia-Turkish War of 1877-1878 and the Russian Society (On Materials of the Penza Region). In article forms of participation of the population of the Penza province in the Russian-Turkish war of 1877-1878 are considered. During military operations in the region reception and treatment of wounded soldiers which were organized with assistance of local authorities by the Penza management of Society of care about wounded and sick soldiers were carried out. In the province the temporary hospital has been created, in hospitals special extra beds, etc. were put. At hospital the senior doctor V. D. Vladimirov has opened 6-week courses on training of nurses. As a rule, the medical personal worked gratuitously. Natives of Penza province actively endowed means in fund of hospital, in favor of wounded soldiers and to their families, etc. Practically all estates of the province, including peasants did charity work. Not only money, but also warm clothes, a blanket, etc. endowed. The church has also made the contribution to collecting small donations. Money in favor of families of soldiers arrived, mainly, from the organizations (The Penza City Council, the Insarsky zemstvo, etc.). Professional actors and amateur theater-goers put charitable performances, carried out literary musicales, etc. from which means went support of wounded, slav brothers, etc. The newspaper “Penzenskiye Gubernskie Vedomosti” published numerous materials about the Russian-Turkish war, awakening a patriotic spirit of local population. Natives took part
in the voluntary movement, battled at the front (the 121\textsuperscript{st} infantry Penza regiment, the 40\textsuperscript{th} infantry division, the 64\textsuperscript{th} reserve infantry battalion, the 160\textsuperscript{th} infantry Abkhazian regiment, etc.).

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