

## ABSTRACTS

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### **NEW SIGHT AT THE RELATIONSHIP OF GASIM BEY ZAKIR AND MIRZA FATALI AKHUNDZADE**

Gasim bey Zakir, a well-known representative of the Azerbaijani literature in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, had many friends not only from his native land, Karabakh, but also from abroad. Undoubtedly, we should mention Mirza Fatali Akhundzade, a prominent founder of the history of social thought and the Azerbaijani literature of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Despite the fact that we do not have the detailed information about the time, place and consequences under which the friendship started, we can surely state on the grounds of some proven facts that their friendship is based on the good intentions, sense of nationality and humanity.

Due to the fact that Mirza Fatali Akhundzade held the important position in the government, he paid attention to every region of Azerbaijan, but, in particular, to Karabakh, which at that time was the most sensitive and troubled region. Some facts say that his first visit to Karabakh was in the 1840s. Although in this respect the opinions have divided, but studies show that he paid often visits to Karabakh in connection with official duties. So, he could get acquainted with many mostly educated people and then maintain personal contacts.

The works of the writer contain the detailed descriptions of life and lifestyle of the Karabakh people, so it is possible not only to state that he visited the region on the constant basis but also that he had lived there for some periods of time.