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Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin's Edirne Articles
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Achieving fame both in the east and the west with his researches about the Ottoman history, Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin has a prominent place among our Republican era historians. Having established "the Ottoman Institutions and Civilization Historical Chair" in 1961, during his research throughout his career, Gökbilgin has written articles about Edirne recognizing that it is of great value and importance in the Ottoman and the world civilization.

We can classify Gökbilgin's works in two groups. Scientific articles which are the results of long research and analysis published in scientific journals and articles in monthly and weekly journals and daily newspapers that appeal to the public.

In these articles, Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin highlights the need to establish a university and a Balkan Institute to raise Edirne to a level proper to its past. With Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin's son Altay Gökbilgin, Asst. Prof. Dr. Veysi Akin, Edirne lover Cengiz Bulut's devoted work, Trakya University compiles Tayyib Gökbilgin's articles about Edirne under the name of "Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin's Edirne Articles" and publishes them into a book.

The book named "Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin's Edirne Articles" is composed of an introduction by our Rector Prof. Dr. Yener Yörük, an acknowledgement by Mehmet Altay Gökbilgin and articles introducing the life and the works of our Professor written by Prof. Dr. Mübahat Kütükoğlu, one of the students raised by Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin, and Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin's all articles about Edirne.

At the end of the book, Professor Tayyib Gökbilgin's photo, attending the seminars organized in Edirne, the seminar program and a text including the names of the academicians are attached. The article "Why Trakya University is Necessary?" in which he expressed his

desire that it is necessary to establish Trakya University is documented by photographing in original Ottoman version with regard to its sentimental value.

Because of the importance Trakya University Library and Documentation Department gives to the moral and cultural values of Edirne, it has put considerable effort in publishing and printing stages of the book "Prof. M. Tayyib Gökbilgin's Edirne Makaleleri". We believe that the efforts to keep the history and cultural values of our city will continue to be alive.

