Contribution of Croatian Literary Society of St. Jerome to Croatian Literature of Christian Inspiration

The Croatian Literary Society of St. Jerome, founded in 1868 as the Society of St. Jerome, has been continuously active for 146 years. Its purpose is to promote and spread the Christian civilization among the Croatian population, i.e. promote the literature, science and education steeped in Christian spirit among all the people of Croatia and Croats around the world. To this end, the Society has issued books and a variety of magazines. The most widespread means of spreading literature of Christian inspiration is the calendar *Danica* which has been published 133 times to date. During such a long period of publishing it featured works by great many well- and lesser-known writers and poets, including Franjo Iveković, Ivan Trnski, Dragutin Stražimir, Vjekoslav Klaić, Cvjetko Rubetić, Ferdo Rožić, Josip Zorić, Josip Kotarski, Josip Štadler, Josip Pazman, Rudolf Horvat, Rudolf Vimer, Dominik Gudek, Valentin Čebušnik, Velimir Deželić Sr, Velimir Deželić Jr, Kerubin Šegvić, Josip Andrić, Ljubomir Maraković, Petar Grgec, Radovan Grgec and many more.

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