

An evangelical priest, national revivalist, noted natural scientist (a meteorologist and botanist). In this way it is possible to introduce briefly the noted personality of MoravianSlovak, or if you like, Rusava history.

Daniel Sloboda (1809-1888) was born in Skalica, a Slovak town, but all his life he worked in Rusava, a Walachian village in Moravia. In the beginning his national-revivalistic activity was hampered by the local people's distrust, who professed two kinds of religion - the Catholic and evangelical. In spite of that he played an important role in construction of the school and church in Rusava and also in the improvement of the standard of living of the local inhabitants. His profession of priest, the outlook of the intellectual and broad contacts with other noted personalities of the National Revival movement in Moravia and Bohemia contributed to his work.

This diploma work has two objectives - first it wants to show the life and contribution of Daniel Sloboda, sometimes unjustly neglected in "the large scope" of history, albeit being important for his activity and contribution not only for Rusava, then this work makes an effort to place the personality of Daniel Sloboda into the context of the history of the National Revival movement in Moravia.