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BOOK COLLECTION OWNED BY FR. SEBASTIAN SIERAKOWSKI SJ AND HIS
TREATISE ON ARCHITECTURE

Summary

Since 1825, in the Jagiellonian Library there are books given by the former rector of the University and its generous benefactor, Fr. Sebastian Sierakowski. Among more than 600 titles, there are many rare and valuable items. Besides, Fr. Sierakowski is known as an author of architectural treatise published in Krakow in 1812. In the introduction to the treatise, author points out that he tried to give the most valuable messages collected in many different works of famous architects. This article is an attempt to determine which books of Sierakowski's collection were used by him during writing the treatise and how he used the knowledge contained there.

Sierakowski's book on architecture was undoubtedly his "opus vitae", which sought to transfer all his knowledge and technical expertise, but in the same it revealed to us his intellectual formation. In the beginning of the 19th c. known as "pre-scientific" period, in the provincial town of Krakow, Sierakowski wrote his unique work, based on extensive literature, which the author gathered himself, fully understanding its value.