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**Organization of Internal Mission in the Vyatsky Brotherhood of St. Nikolay the Holy Hierarch and Wonderworker in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries**

This article is an overview and analysis of the missionary and illuminatory activities of the Vyatsky Brotherhood of St. Nikolay the Holy Hierarch and Wonderworker, which was founded by Fr Stephan Kashmensky in 1882. The brotherhood undertook educational work among the Old Believer population of the Diocese of Vyatka, supported a school of religious education in Vyatka for the training of missionaries among the peasants, the graduates of which became missionary-teachers in children’s primary schools in villages populated with Old Believers. As the teachers became more acquainted with students, their parents and the environment, Old Believers and Orthodox Christians became reconciled to one another and in some instance Old Believers became Orthodox.

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The Brotherhood of St. Nikolay the Holy Hierarch and Wonderworker was founded in the second half of the 19th c. in the Diocese of Vyatka and existed for 35 years, beginning in 1882 (the official founding of the brotherhood) until the Revolution in 1917, after which the majority of Orthodox brotherhoods were banished by new, atheistic authorities. [*Continuation of the main text of the paper*].

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