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**Facts around N.Gogol's Monument**

The issue of honoring with a monument the memory of the great Russian writer Nikolay Gogol was raised repeatedly and mooted for long years after his death. Finally in 1890 a competition was announced for creating the monument and over forty projects were subjected. Ilya Ostroukhov followed closely the events around the undertaking and discussed it with Alexandra Botkina, his life-long friend and correspondent. It was on his initiative that the sculptor Nikolay Andreyev was invited to work at the sketch which was finally chosen. N. Ilyina tells in her article about Ostroukhov's active assistance in creating the monument and finding the place where to erect it, also about its dramatic unveiling ceremony; she quotes excerpts from his letters in which he relates details of those remarkable events.

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