Abstract: This study proposes a review of the main representatives of the nineteenth and first decades of the twentieth century of linguistics in the French language of Belgium, in a perspective that is both synchronic and diachronic. Their contributions are important in fundamental linguistic research, in general, and significant in different branches of language science, in particular. The areas of Walloon dialectology and Romance languages will be highlighted, but also lexicography and grammar.

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