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The Suffix -qe in Gelati Texts (12 th c.) as an Example of Penetration of a Dialectal Form in the Literary Language

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In some of Gelati texts (12 th c.) the plural of the verbs of sensation and perception, having an object in Dative, was expressed with the suffix -qe; while another set of the same texts does not contain the verbs with this suffix at all. Therefore, the suffix -qe might be applied as a means for distinguishing – separate styles within the same, Gelati school.

The suffix -qe regularly denotes the plural of the verbs expressing sensation, perception and possession. These are the verbs having an object in Dative. Besides, gu- and m- prefixes have been used in Gelati texts of the 12 th century. All this highlights the process of inversion in the verbs in the history of the Georgian language.