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ON THE ZANISMS IN THE LOWER-IMERETI DIALECT

The paper discusses the dialect date of the Lower-Imereti, particularly from the areas close to Megrelia.

The phenomenon discussed are:

1) phonetical changes of vowel compounds *a+i* and 2) the simplification of consonant compounds - labials preceding the non-labial stops in the anlaut - by losing the initial sound. Both of the phonetical phenomena is considered as substrata of the Zan dialect.