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THE NATIONAL BELIEF OF GIORGI TSERETELI

Giorgi Tsereteli (1842-1900) is the representative of those Georgian writers' of the 19th century who thought that the future development of our country depends on the restoration of national independence. Despite the fact that he led the difficult way of ideological evolution and was one of the active supporters and like-minded persons of social-democratic movement, the above mentioned idea still continued to be his main national ideal.

The main purpose of the relation with "the Third Group" was the expectation of the real death of that national ideal. He thought that at that time "The Third Group" was the most progressive and long-range force in Georgia. Because of that he believed that his civic duty was to support them and he connected the fight started by them with the hope to establish national and social justice.

Unfortunately, as the development of historical processes had shown, Georgian social-democrats whom G. Tsereteli thought as rescuers, appeared to be the adventurers. G. Tsereteli died without knowing the real ideological belief of Georgian social-democrats.