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ON THE HISTORY OF WORDS *AKIMI//EKIMI* AND
AKIMBASHI/EKIMBASHI
IN THE GEORGIAN LANGUAGE

The paper discusses the borrowings of the Georgian language from the foreign language. These words are:

1)akimi//ekimi, which Georgian adopted from Arabic *hakim* denoting the wise man, *scholar*. Having established in the Georgian language the word modified its meaning and in the records of the Georgian literature it came to mean a *doctor, medical man*, and not the *wise man*.

Akimbashi//ekimbashi in modern Georgian means a person who has no professional medical education, however, he treats patients with incantations or with drugs made primitively. In Arabic and Turkish the same word denotes "head doctor". In the 18th century Georgian *ekimbashi* as a head doctor enjoyed higher status than the doctor. Later the word changed its meaning and gradually obtained the present semantic load.