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### AKAKI TSERETELI AND MINOR FOLKLORE GENRES (TOASTING)

Akaki Tsereteli, a famous Georgian poet, masterly makes use of treasures of minor folklore genres that went down from generations to generations.

Toasting presents one of the important parts within the genre. Toasting as one of the forms of blessing has deep roots in the people's life. Apart from the blessing main function of toasting g, it has other specific sign. Namely, the attention is drawn to the assessment of the personal qualities, being merit – based toasting acquires certain didactic meaning.

In his literary works Akaki Tsereteli gives many different examples of toasting. The writer knows that toasting is the integral part of the Georgian feast. It adorns and directs the ceremony and at the same time, it has certain educational moral and patriotic importance:

That is why Akaki Tsereteli depicts entire processes of blessings and toasting with naturalistic precision.

The writer discourages that evil behaviour as competing in drinking the toastmaster's obsession to have the guest drink alcohol, involving the guest in an argument etc.

Akaki Tsereteli views concerning the issues have not lost its importance even now.