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NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF 1905-1907 IN GEORGIA SOCIALIST-FEDERALIST PARTY

National movement spread in Georgia in 1905-1907 in the period of Russian revolution appeared apprehensive to the Russian bureaucracy. They knew that the resistance of the Georgian nation meant throwing the whole Caucasian region into disorder. That is why they fought against those parties that were overlooking laws of Russian bureaucracy.

Socialist-federalist party of Georgia involved actively in the national movement and set its aim to carry on this movement according to its own program.

In the first period of the defeat of the revolution there was a great wish of restoring the autocephaly of the Georgian Church. A part of the Russian intelligentsia expressed their disapproval about Georgia earnest seeking for the autocephaly. They thought that the exarches' institution should be replaced by the two metropolitan institutions; Russian and Georgian, Georgian metropolitan should be given of the title of a Bishop and religious schools and churches should have rights to conduct education and divine services in the Georgian language.

This was the minor gift that could Russia spare for the Georgian Church. As for the willingness for autocephaly they considered it was an ambitious, exaggerated demand.