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### AMBROSI OF NEKRESI (NEKRESELI)'S SECULAR POETRY

Ambrosi Nekreseli lived and worked in the late half of the 18th c. and the beginning of the 19th c. He was the Bishop of Nekresi eparchy. His real family name is Mikadze.

To the present we know his preaching and numerous manuscripts written with neat calligraphy. His literary works show that he was a deeply educated zealous person.

Ambrosi Nekreseli's preaching throws lights to the 18-19 cc. Georgia's history in the high literary style. This double merit makes his preaching interesting both for philologists and historians.

Apart from these Ambrosi Nekreseli wrote poetry as well. His poems are interesting so much so that they convey the author's innermost feelings and describe the reality. His poems are of both religious and secular nature. He had dedicated an Ode to the king Erekle II's wife. He had also written Odes dedicated the princes Levan and Vakhtang and the Catholicos Anton II52.