

# ONISE BANDZELADZE

## LECHKHUMIAN WORDS

Needless to speak the importance of dialectal words and their introduction into a literary language for the development of the language. This can easily be attested with one glance at classic literature and at writings of our outstanding public men. Unfortunately, "the tradition of listening to the vernacular speech" has been fading and the negative consequences come out on the surface.

In different parts of the country there are numerous words and expressions in the active speech of the local population that are semantically rich, expressive, and precise in conveying the meaning, the equal of which can hardly, if ever, be found in the national language.

There are terms with certain nuance differences from the literary counterpart, expressions that would enrich the literary word-stock, etc. Rich materials from this sort are found in Lechkhumi one of the mountainous provinces of Georgia. This article brings to light only a certain part of the language treasure.