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ALEXANDRE MANVELISHVILI AND THE QUESTIONS OF HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND GEORGIA

During the years of his emigration 1931-1934 Alexandre Manvelishvili wrote an interesting monograph work "Russia and Georgia", first volume, published in 1951 in Paris. The book tells about the relationship between the two countries from the earliest contacts to the 60s of the 19th century. Manvelishvili's book irons certain shortcomings in the science of history of the Soviet period. In his monographic work of the relationship between Russia and Georgia A. Manvelishvili discusses the issue in the background of international situations, based on the immediate connections of events that compelled Georgia to seek after the ways of nearing to Russia.

One of the merits of Alexandre manvelishvili's work is that he presents numerous documental materials that throw light to the hypocrisy and fallacy of the argument of the would-be friendship of Russian and Georgian people based on so-called common Christian confession. Christian Russians fought for subjugation of the Georgian people with far more brutality and barbarity than any other conquerors of different religions.