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LEGENDS IN “AKAKI’S COLLECTIONS”

Akaki Tsereteli’s prolific and lengthy creative activity is a brilliant page of the Georgian life and social though chronicles of the 60-70s of the 19th century.

A. Tsereteli’s exploits for the Georgian folklore is an invaluable tribute to the culture of the country. He devoted his life to the collection, publication and analysis of the Georgian oral traditions as they were the best bearers of the inspirations and ideals of his people, and the care for them was the demand of the epoch. To this end Akaki Tsereteli established “Akaki’s Monthly Collections” (Akakis Tviuri Krebuli) publishing the samples of all the genres of the oral folk stories. One of the important sections of the Collections is legends. It contains legends of pagan and Christian origins. The themes are related to cosmogony, apocrypha, the Deluge, and historical tales.

Legends in the “Akaki’s Collections” (more than 50 titles) has served the moral education, strengthening the beliefs and awakening patriotic feelings of the Georgian people.