

## AVTANDIL NIKOLEISHVILI

### IOSEB MCHEDLISHVILI - WRITER DEPICTING SOVIET REALITY FROM CRITICAL-OPPOSITIONAL POINT OF VIEW

Chronologically, in the history of the Georgian literature of the Soviet period Ioseb Mchedlishvili (1888-1950) was the first Georgian writer who became a victim of the new government's repressive policy. It is true that as a master of fiction he did not make any significant contribution to the history of our literature. However, for his critical attitude towards the Soviet regime, he should be considered without any hesitation as one of the greatest oppositional representatives who clearly defined national and patriotic beliefs.

In his creative works I. Mchedlishvili widely expressed his critical-oppositional attitude towards the Soviet government. In this respect, the diary that has recently been published and is preserved in his archives in the form of a manuscript is of particular importance. Without any exaggeration it should be described as a significant written document that provides a clear and vivid picture of our life of that period.