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MEGRELIAN VOCABULARY FOR GEORGIAN LITERARY LANGUAGE – I

The Kartvelian dialect materials have been considered to be a major source for growth of the vocabulary of the literary language by the Georgian classical writers, public figures and linguists. Like other dialects, the Megrelian, Laz and Svan idioms have the same relationship towards the common Kartvelian language.

The proposed article provides a part of the Megrelian vocabulary that could be included in the explanatory dictionary of the Georgian literary language. We have analyzed several forms such as: *ban5pi*, *dedomania*, *turi*, *ḡolo*, *lame*, *ḡiners*, *neri*, *‘ajaluri*, etc.

The word forms of a dialect become part of a literary language only when accepted and internalized by a wider audience. A certain group of the analyzed words, being attested in other dialects, expands beyond the Megrelian idiom. That is a facilitating factor for those lexical items to occur and become established in the literary language.