

NATO NIKABADZE
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL IDEAS
OF GIORGI ZDANOVICH (MAIASHVILI)

G. Maiashvili, after the graduation from Kutaisi Classical Gymnasium in 1871, was admitted to Petersburg Technological Institute, becoming involved in revolutionary endeavors. In September of 1875 he was detained in Moscow, later being tried in 1877, during the court hearing of the so-called “process of 50”. In his address he presented an exceptional analysis of the situation in Russia and identified main problems of the Narodnik ideology.

When serving his time, Maiashvili became convinced that Russia had already stepped on its path to Capitalism, leaving no possibility for hindering of this process. While serving his time, he sent a letter to Magazine Iveria in 1882; the letter clearly indicated that he reevaluated his former views and found it necessary to combine Narodnik and National movements. Apathy towards the national issue had been already overcome by Maiashvili.

Since 1894 G. Maiashvili had been involved in the activities of the Chiatura council of manganese producers. In 1896 he was elected a head of a council of producers, and retained his position until his death in 1917.