

TAMAR NINIDZE
SOME OF THE EUPHEMISMS
ACCORDING TO THE UPPER IMERETIAN DICTIONARY
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The lexis of dialects represents a rather important material for the language history: certain linguistic units preserved in the speech of particular regions more or less restore a single course of development of the literary language and interesting processes of semantic evolution of words. This is the aspect which is applied in discussing several euphemistic expressions attested in K. Dzotsenidze's Dictionary.

The Upper Imeretian Dictionary compiled by Ketevan Dzotsenidze provides the vocabulary of the Upper Imeretian local dialect. The material has been recorded in eighty-two villages of Upper Imereti revealing numerous interesting linguistic facts. The work offers the analysis of the part of euphemistic words and expressions that are attested in this dictionary and are typical to the Upper Imeretian idiom. For example, **av'eli** (thief), **artvali** (ill-favoured, ugly), **bina** (cemetery), **kolopi** (coffin), **unasi** (snake, reptile).

The material is presented in comparison with the data of the Explanatory Dictionary of the Georgian Language, and dictionaries of Old Georgian as well as dictionaries of various dialects.