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G. Tiratsyan was fluent in many European languages (German, English, French, Romanian, Italian, Russian) that helped him in his highly valuable studies. His studies are devoted to different spheres of the history and material culture of ancient Armenia - the problem of Urartu-Armenia, Urartian civilization and Achemenid Iran, cities and their planning in ancient Armenia, border-stones of the Artaxiad period and the decipherment of Aramaic inscriptions, early medieval culture of Armenia etc.
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