

HAKOVBOS TASHYAN **(1866-1933)**

H.Tashyan (Franciscos Melqon Tashchyan) was prominent Armenian philologist, an expert in medieval Armenian manuscripts, ancient and modern history.

H.Tashyan was born in the village of Artsati, Erzerum province. After receiving primary education at Erzerum, in 1880 he moved first to Mekhitarist school at Constantinople, then to Vienna (Austria-Hungary) Mekhitarist congregation. Here in 1885 H.Tashyan joined the Mekhitarist congregation and was ordained as priest. Soon after graduating, in 1889 he was appointed as teacher of philosophy and Armenian language at the Mekhitarist school. Between 1893 and 1912 H.Tashyan visited Venice, Berlin, Constantinople, Erzerum and other places where he worked on Armenian manuscripts.



H.Tashyan's contribution into Armenology is tremendous. During about half a century long scholarly activity he has published numerous monographs and articles, mostly on Armenian manuscripts. His studies touched upon also Armenian language, problems of ancient and modern history and geography. The knowledge of many ancient and modern languages (Latin, Greek, Syriac, Arabic, Ethiopian, German, English etc.), constant contacts with well-known experts of his time (G.Ter-Mkrtchyan, B.Kyuleseryan, H.Hübschmann, H.Petermann, F.Müller, F.Conybeare, A.Meillet and other scholars) contributed much into the field of his interests. Besides his own studies H.Tashyan translated into Armenian several important Armenological studies written by foreign scholars (F.Conybeare, A.Carrière, H.Petermann, N.Marr).

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