Translation practice and educational activities of the Christian missionary N.I. Ilminsky

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Abstract

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Keywords

Baptized tatars, Christianization, Translation artefacts, Translation commission