

PROF. LYON TO RETIRE.

**He Becomes Professor Emeritus After
40 Years' Service at Harvard.**

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 25.—David Gordon Lyon, professor at Harvard for nearly forty years, will retire next Summer from the Hancock professorship of Hebrew and other Oriental languages and has been appointed professor emeritus by the governing board of the university, the appointment to take effect next September.

Prof. Lyon is best known for his work in connection with the semitic museum at Harvard of which he has been the director for thirty years. He played a leading part in its foundation, and when the generosity of Jacob H. Schiff had assured the establishment of the museum Prof. Lyon supervised its design and construction and arranged its collections, which illustrate Bible history. At that time excavations in Assyria were throwing new light on Old Testament history.

Prof. Lyon's thorough knowledge of this subject, which he studied at Leipzig, and the fact that he had previously studied under the late Prof. Crawford H. Toy and was well known to him, led to his appointment at Harvard in 1882 as Hollis Professor of Divinity. For twenty-eight years Dr. Lyon held the Hollis professorship, the oldest endowed professorship in North America. In 1891 he became director of the semitic museum. In 1908 he went to Samaria to undertake excavations and discovered the earliest specimens of writing ever found in Palestine. Four years later he assumed the Hancock professorship upon the retirement of his colleague, Prof. Toy. Prof. Lyon is 69 years old.

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