

The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

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During 1970/71, our coverage in the field of Turkish has been significantly augmented by the addition of Fahir Iz, professor of Turkish language and literature, and Günay Kut, lecturer in Ottoman and modern Turkish. Gene B. Gragg, with us last year as visiting assistant professor in Sumerology, has now accepted a regular appointment within the department.

At the close of the present academic year, the department will regretfully lose the services of several valued faculty members through retirement or because of appointment elsewhere. Richard T. Hallock, who has devotedly taught Elamite and Akkadian over many years, will be retiring. Joseph A. Fitzmyer, who has furthered our program in Aramaic and Hebrew over the past two years, has accepted a post at Fordham University in New York. David E. Pingree, professor of the History of Science, is taking a leave of absence to teach at Brown University. Hans J. Nissen, our Mesopotamian archeologist, has been appointed to the Chair of Western Asiatic Archeology in the Free University of West Berlin. Joseph N. Bell, instructor in Arabic, will be teaching at the University of Ghana. Replacements for these faculty members and new appointments will be discussed in the next annual report.

