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Translator's Note

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to translate this collection of essays on Poincaré's mathematical and scientific legacy. I thank the AMS for providing me with this opportunity.

Poincaré himself wrote “popular” works on mathematics, its practice, and its philosophy for the broader scientific community. Two of these are mentioned throughout the pages of these essays: *Science and Hypothesis* and, to a lesser extent, *Science and Method*. Both are recommended for reading in their entirety. Both exist in English translations: the first by J. Larmor and the second by F. Maitland. I have chosen, however, to provide my own translation of Poincaré's words when they are quoted here, although I cannot deny some influence by these earlier translations.

In the course of this project, it has at times been necessary to make “cultural” translations as well as linguistic ones. When this has occurred, I have made a note to indicate the content of the original text. I have not attempted to preserve the original numbering of footnotes (indeed, some of the original footnotes have become obsolete, for example, when they contained the English text for a quote translated into French). Those footnotes which I have added are marked accordingly.

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