

## MR. THOMAS J. McCORMACK.

Mr. Thomas J. McCormack, our assistant editor, has been elected Principal of the La Salle and Peru Township High School, and will enter upon his new duties with the beginning of September next.

Mr. McCormack came to us soon after the completion of his studies. He was educated in Princeton, N. J., where he was graduated in 1884, and took post-graduate courses in Leipzig and Tübingen, Germany, one term at each of these universities (1884-1885). He became connected with The Open Court Publishing Co. in 1888, where his most important work consisted in making translations from the German and French. He rendered into English some most notable essays of the foremost mathematicians, physicists, biologists, physiologists, psychologists, and theologians of Europe, such as Lagrange, Grassmann, Poincaré, Klein, Schubert, Boltzmann, Hering, Wundt, Ribot, Binet, Delbœuf, Topinard, Haeckel, Weismann, Eimer, Carus, Sterne, Lasswitz, Cornill, and Delitzsch.

Since 1897 Mr. McCormack has been more closely affiliated with The Open Court Publishing Co. in the capacity of assistant editor.

Mr. McCormack's scientific program is contained in a lecture which he delivered before the Science Club of the Faculty of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and which was published in *The Monist*, Vol. X., No. 4, under the title "On the Nature of Scientific Law and Scientific Explanation."

Mr. McCormack has also edited works by De Morgan, Leibnitz, Hume, Berkeley, and Descartes, and he has written a number of biographies of mathematicians and philosophers which were published with portraits in *The Open Court*. To this last journal and to *The Monist* he likewise contributed a large number of critical notices of current scientific literature and articles on miscellaneous scientific topics.

All the translations of Mr. McCormack are excellent, but his main work is Mach's *Science of Mechanics*, which is especially noteworthy on account of the difficulties of the subject-matter.

In parting we express to Mr. McCormack our thanks for the high grade of work which he accomplished during all these years. Our best wishes accompany him in his new career, and we cherish the confidence that his labors will be attended with success, for he has, in his studies, always kept in mind the theory of education, devoting special attention to the maturest methods of teaching according to the principles of modern science.

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