

explained. Chapter V. treats of the solution of trigonometrical equations. Then the formulæ for the solution of right and oblique triangles are given in full, and a lot of theorems on inscribed and escribed circles with a large number of exercises. Finally, on page 166, the first right triangle is solved, by logarithms of course! Then follow the other cases in the solution of triangles.

The last two chapters of the plane trigonometry treat very properly of the construction of trigonometric tables and De Moivre's theorem. In a foot-note, De Moivre is called a French geometer. It is true he was born in France, but he should rather be styled an English mathematician. In another note (page 91), speaking of the Napierian system, the author says it is so called from the inventor, Baron Napier. He should have said it is so called *in honor* of the inventor of logarithms. He gives the date of the introduction of Briggsian logarithms as 1615. They were suggested to Briggs in 1615, or about that time, but they could not be said to have been introduced until two years later. It is odd that in such a small number of historical references the author should have contrived to make so many mistakes. He calls arc sin, etc., the French, when he might have described it as the continental notation. Referring to addition and subtraction logarithms, he names only J. Zech, Berlin, as compiler of such tables. One would expect reference to Gauss, if to any one. There are numerous minor points which are quite worthy of commendation, but, on the whole, in the writer's opinion, the trigonometry is not nearly as satisfactory as other volumes in the series.

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