

lections of theorems relative to inequations, maxima and minima, and continued fractions, together with an eleven-place table of decimal logarithms of the first one hundred and fifty prime numbers (the last one is eight hundred and fifty-nine). The binomial theorem of Newton terminates this part, which concludes with the one hundredth paragraph and the one hundred and thirteenth page of the book.

The first eighteen sections of the part dealing with geometry are taken up with the elements of the simple regular and irregular polygons. The details of the geometry of the circle and the computation of  $\pi$  follow; the series of Wallis, Leibnitz, Brounker, Lacroix, and Bernouilli, and the value of  $\pi$  to one hundred places of decimals are given. The remainder of the third part is devoted to the geometry of space and the sphere, concluding with a concise résumé of the characteristic properties of the conic sections.

The extent of the syllabus of trigonometry, which fills the last forty-two pages of the book, is indicated by the presence of De Moivre's theorem and its corollaries and the elements of the circles associated with a spherical triangle.

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