

THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF  
MATHEMATICIANS, CAMBRIDGE, 1912.

THE local committee of organization was composed of Sir G. H. Darwin, president, E. W. Hobson and A. E. H. Love, secretaries, and Sir J. Larmor, treasurer. Early in the spring circulars were sent out, containing an outline of the proposed plan of procedure and an invitation to participate in the deliberations of the Congress. The date was fixed at August 21 for the opening reception, and meetings were arranged to occupy a week. Members desiring it were permitted to room in the various Colleges, Newnham College being reserved for ladies. Those who took advantage of this provision found their rooms in readiness upon their arrival in Cambridge. The secretaries also compiled a list of boarding and rooming houses in the city, together with a plan indicating the positions of the Colleges and various meeting rooms, so that all the participants were well accommodated.

The elaborate programme of entertainments and excursions which had been prepared for the Congress deserves special consideration. It consisted of four large receptions, an organ recital, and many teas, besides excursions to Ely, Oxford, Hatfield House, and many other interesting places.

The first occasion was a reception given by Sir G. H. Darwin, to meet the Vice-Chancellor, on Wednesday evening in the Combination Room and Hall of St. John's College. This was an ideal place for an introduction to the charming hospitality of Cambridge University.

On Friday evening the Chancellor and Lady Rayleigh gave a reception in the Fitzwilliam Museum. Although each social event was so perfect in its way that comparison is difficult, yet it is not unfair to say that this was the most brilliant affair of the week. The magnificent art galleries, the large number of guests, and the gorgeous academic costumes all contributed to the effect.

The members of the Congress were fortunate in the day chosen by the President to receive them at a garden party. For on Sunday there was the most perfect weather of the week. In the gardens of Christ's College the foreigners received some impression, however faint, of the possibilities of