

**NAPIER TERCENTENARY
CELEBRATION, JULY, 1914.**

John Napier's *Logarithmorum Canonice
Mystice Descriptio* was published in 1614;
and it is proposed to celebrate the tercentenary
of this great event in the history of mathe-
matics by a Congress, to be held in Edinburgh
on Friday, 24th July, 1914, and following
days. The celebration is being held under
the auspices of the Royal Society of Edin-
burgh, on whose invitation a General Com-
mittee has been formed, representing the
Royal Society of London, the Royal Astro-
nomical Society, the Town Council of Edin-
burgh, the Faculty of Actuaries, the Royal
Philosophical Society of Glasgow, the Univer-
sities of St. Andrews, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and
Edinburgh, the University College of Dundee,
and many other bodies and institutions of
educational importance.

The celebration will be opened on the Fri-
day with an inaugural address by Lord of
Appeal Sir J. Fletcher Moulton, F.R.S.,
LL.D. (Edin.), etc., followed by a reception
given by the Right Hon. the Lord Provost,
magistrates, and Council of the City of Edin-
burgh. On the Saturday and Monday the
historical and present practice of computation
and other developments closely connected with
Napier's discoveries and inventions will be
discussed. A Memorial Service will be held
in St. Giles's Cathedral on the Sunday.
Among many who have expressed a warm in-
terest in the celebration, and who hope to
take part in the Congress, may be mentioned
Professor Andoyer, Paris; Professor J.
Rausenberger, Strasbourg; Professor Hume
Brown, Historiographer Royal for Scotland;
Professor F. Cajori, Colorado, U.S.A.; Pro-
fessor G. A. Gibson, Chicago; Dr. J. W. L.
Glaisher, Cambridge; Professor Lang, St.
Andrews; Professor Macdonald, Aberdeen;
Professor E. Pascal, Naples; Professor Karl
Pearson, London; Professor Eugene Smith,
New York; Professor Steggall, Dundee; Pro-
fessor Whitaker, Edinburgh. Mer-
chiston Lodge, the residence of Napier, has long been
frequented by the well-known public school,
which draws pupils from all parts of the
British Empire. The Governors of the school
have kindly invited the members of the Con-
gress to use the Castle and grounds on the
Saturday afternoon. Relics of Napier, col-
lected by Lord Napier and Ettrick and other
representatives of the family, will also be on
view, and it is intended to bring together
for exhibition books or tables and forms of
calculating machines, which may reasonably
be regarded as natural developments of the
great advances made by Napier.

All who are interested in this proposed
celebration are invited to communicate with
the General Secretary of the Royal Society
of Edinburgh, 12 George Street, Edinburgh,
and to announce their intention of being pre-
sent.