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Sloan Evans Despeaux* (despeaux@wcu.edu), Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723. *Statesmen of British Mathematics: Scientific Society Involvement of Mathematicians in Nineteenth-Century Britain.*

Throughout the nineteenth century, British mathematicians served in a variety of administrative offices of general scientific societies. Their election to these positions could represent recognition of an extraordinary scientific career; however, a society office could mean much more than an honorific title. As officers, British mathematicians had opportunities and responsibilities to shape the policies of their societies. In particular, as secretary-editors, they helped define the level, amount, and placement of mathematics in a venue that also had to accommodate publications from non-mathematical fields of science. (Received September 22, 2005)