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**Tony Crilly\*** ([t.crilly@btinternet.com](mailto:t.crilly@btinternet.com)). *Thomas P. Kirkman – a life in mathematics.*

Who was Thomas P. Kirkman (1806-1895)? Apart from fame gained from the combinatorial fifteen schoolgirls problem, what else did he do in mathematics? Just as importantly I seek to understand the conditions of his life. A lone researcher, he made incisive discoveries while serving as an Anglican minister in a remote parish in the north of England, but felt himself ignored. The paper will highlight aspects of his character, his mathematics, his philosophy and his spiritual convictions, all of which contributed to a fascinating life. (Received September 13, 2017)