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SPOTTISWOODE, WILLIAM (1825-1883), mathematician + physicist, President of the Royal Society, 2d s of Andrew Spottiswoode, partner in the firm of Eyre and Spottiswoode. Educ. Eton and Harrow. 1842, Lyn scholarship to Balliol. 1845 first in Maths. 1846, Senior Univ. scholarship. 1847, Wilkins's math. scholarship 1846, became queen's printer. 1847, published "Meditationes Analyticae [I have this]. "Besides supplying new proofs by elegant methods of known theorems, it did abundance of original work." In 1851, wrote the first elementary treatise on determinants [Have got this too]; "to him belongs much of the rapid development of that subject in subsequent years." 1865, President of the Math. section of the B.A. 1871, did research on the polarization of light + studied the electrical discharge in rarefied gases. lectured to crowded audiences at the R.I. and the B.A. season. Elected F.R.S. in 1853, President of the Royal Soc. in 1878 + until his death. Hon. LLD of Cambridge, Dublin; Edinburgh. President of the London Mathematical Soc. 1870-72. Died of typhoid, June 27, 1883, was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Andrew

William — George Andrew

John (youngest)

Reginald — Nigel

F — R — James

→ He was "an accomplished linguist, possessing a remarkable knowledge of both European and Oriental languages."