

Mr Hopkins' Men: Cambridge Reform and British Mathematics in the 19th Century

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This wide-ranging book tells the story of the remarkable William Hopkins and the education and careers of his top 'wranglers', many of whom went on to have illustrious careers as bishops, judges, politicians, scientists or educators. It draws on first-hand accounts of life at Cambridge to give the reader a glimpse inside its colleges, and it charts the evolution of the curriculum and the slow reforms that led to Cambridge's dominance of British higher education. It surveys the scientific achievements of the time and considers the disproportionate contributions made by Scottish and Irish alumni in establishing a research community. Gradually, Cambridge was transformed from a near-moribund institution into a world-renowned centre for the mathematical and physical sciences. Many famous scientists and mathematicians are profiled and, as a special highlight, Hopkins' own collection of portraits of his top students, attributed to the artist T.C. Wageman, are published – in colour – for the first time.

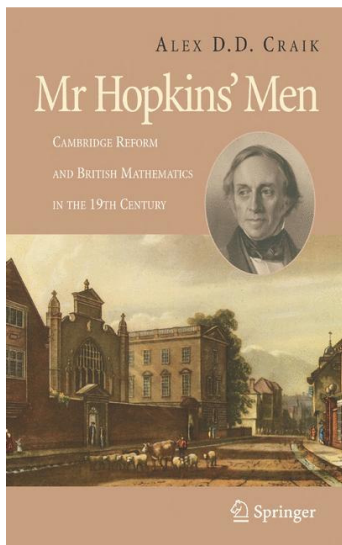
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