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A Late Nineteenth Century Mathematical Subculture

In the second half of the nineteenth century, in an attempt to promote mathematics, a number of recreational mathematicians published mathematical journals and edited mathematical columns. The most prominent among them was William J. C. Miller who edited a mathematics column in the Educational Times and published *Mathematical Questions and Their Solutions* from the Educational Times in London. In America, Artemas Martin published the *Mathematical Visitor* and *Mathematical Magazine*, J. E. Hendricks published *The Analyst: A Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics*, and Benjamin Finkel the *American Mathematical Monthly*. Mathematical columns were edited by William Hoover in the *Wittenburger*, Samuel Hart Wright in the *Yates County Chronicle*, W. D. Henkle in the *Educational Notes and Queries: A Medium of Intercommunications for Teachers*, H. A. Wood in the *National Educator*, E. T. Quimby in the *New England Journal of Education*, and Archibald MacMurchy in the *Canada Educational Monthly* and *School Chronicle*. These publications consist mainly of articles, brief biographies of the contributors, obituaries, and mathematical problems for solution. We discuss a few of the publications, their editors, their contributors, and problems that appeared in them.