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Sloan Evans Despeaux* (despeaux@wcu.edu), Department of Mathematics, and Computer Science, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723. *Victorian Mathematical Societies and Their Journals*.

Although British mathematicians lacked a major society of their own until 1865, by the 1880s they had gained access to three societies that specifically catered to their needs at both the research and educational levels. This talk will discuss the Victorian mathematical societies that emerged in response to a growing group of scholars who increasingly identified themselves with the discipline of mathematics. It will also explore how the journals printed by these societies gave this group a stronger voice in the scientific publication arena. (Received January 29, 2006)