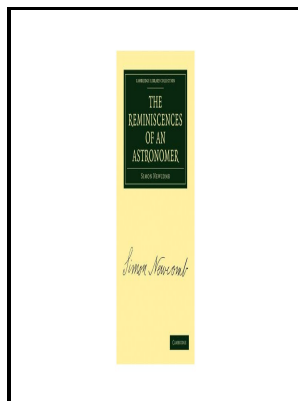


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## Simon Newcomb

The outbreak of the in 1861 brought the resignations of several of the professors of mathematics attached to the Navy, and Newcomb was invited to fill a vacancy at the Naval Observatory. Though almost wholly of ancestry, Newcomb was born in Canada, the elder son of John Burton Newcomb, an itinerant country schoolteacher, and Emily Prince, daughter of a magistrate.

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