

BEING EARNEST

have been my constant study. [*Rushes to bookcase and tears the books out.*] M. ACT III.
Generals Mallam, Maxbohm, Magley,
what ghastly names they have—Markby,
Migsby, Mobbs, Moncrieff! Lieutenant
1840, Captain, Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel,
General 1869, Christian names, Ernest
John. [*Puts book very quietly down and
speaks quite calmly.*] I always told you,
Gwendolen, my name was Ernest, didn't
I? Well, it is Ernest after all. I mean
it naturally is Ernest.

LADY BRACKNELL

Yes, I remember now that the General
was called Ernest. I knew I had some
particular reason for disliking the name.

GWENDOLEN

Ernest! My own Ernest! I felt from
the first that you could have no other
name!

JACK

Gwendolen, it is a terrible thing for a
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