

Patron: Lord Cobbold DL
Ivry, Lady Freyberg

SPOONER and his SPOONERISMS

August 2016

John Chevallier Cobbold's daughter, **Anna Frances Cobbold** (1830-1907) #184 on the family tree, married as his second wife The Very Reverend Dean **Edward Spooner** (1821-1899) Rector of Hadleigh, Suffolk. The Dean was a cousin of Revd. **William Archibald Spooner** (1844-1930), scholar of New College, Oxford. Despite lecturing on ancient history and philosophy for more than 60 years he is chiefly remembered for his absent-minded habit of mixing up syllables to comic effect when he spoke. Hence spoonerisms! He disliked his reputation for muddling his words and many of the examples attributed to him are probably apocryphal. He did, however, admit once to asking his parishioners to sing a hymn "Kinkering Congs Their Titles Take"

Other examples are:

"The weight of rages will press hard upon the employer"

"It is kisstomery to cuss the bride"

"Mardon me padam but you are occupewing my pie"



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