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GEORGE
ELIOT
& the Novel
of Vocation

LADY BRACKNELL. Do you smoke?

JACK. Well, yes, I must admit I smoke.

LADY BRACKNELL. I am glad to hear it. A man should always have an occupation of some kind.

*The Importance of
Being Earnest*