

## COLLINS, WILLIAM LUCAS (1815 - 1887), cleric and author

**Name:** William Lucas Collins  
**Date of birth:** 1815  
**Date of death:** 1887  
**Parent:** Elizabeth Collins  
**Parent:** John Collins  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and author  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Religion  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

He is best known as editor of the series *Ancient Classics for English Readers*, to which he himself contributed ten volumes - for a list of these and of his other works, and for an account of his clerical career in England, see the *D.N.B.*

He was an intimate friend of Anthony Trollope, whose novel *Dr. Wortle's School* was written in Collins's rectory at Lowick, Northamptonshire (Sadleir, *Trollope*, 308, 394-5).

Collins was born at Oxwich in Gower, son of the Rev. John and Elizabeth Collins', and christened 23 May 1815. He was and was at Jesus College, Oxford; his father and grandfather held various benefices in Gower (Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses*); his great-grandfather may have been the 'John Collins of Swansea, gent.' named in Foster. He himself was rector of Cheriton in Gower, 1840-67. He died 24 March 1887.

### Author

**Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins**, (1881 - 1969)

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