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The late John Baker, esq. of Hampstead, (whose death is recorded in p. 380) was the 2nd son of Mr. William Baker, a man of amiable character and manners, of great classical and mathematical learning, and more than 40 years master of an academy at Reading, and younger brother of Mr. William Baker, a learned printer of London, author of "Peregrinations of the Mind," &c. (of whom see Nichols's "Literary Anecdotes," vol. iii. p. 716).—The late Mr. J. Baker was born at Reading, in 1748; and being destined to the practice of medicine, was apprenticed to an Apothecary in Salisbury-Square, London, to whose business he succeeded in 1773, which he carried on with great respectability for 30 years. He retired from his profession in 1803; and settled himself first at Camberwell, and afterwards removed to Hampstead. He was an active Member of the Society of Apothecaries, of which Company he served the office of Master in 1822;—and took a very warm interest in the welfare of the Philanthropic

Temple Society, proving himself for many years a very efficient Member of the Committee. His widow, the only daughter of the late Lake Young, esq. of Walton-on-Thames, and Watling-Street, survived him only two months. (See p. 572.)
