

BARKER, Edmund Henry, *bar'-ker*, a contributor to the "Classical Journal" for twenty years, and a laborious Greek scholar. His *magnum opus*, or great work, as it might be called, is an edition of Stephens's "Thesaurus Linguæ Græcæ," which comprises no fewer than 11,752 double-columned pages. Its principal value consists in its size and the comprehensiveness of its grasp, rather than in its merit. He was the editor of numerous other classical works, and for some time was the amanuensis of Dr. Parr. B. at Hollym, Yorkshire, 1788; D. in London, 1839.



BARKER, Edmund Henry, philologist; *b.* 22 Dec. 1788; published "Classical and Biblical Recreations," 1812; *d.* 21 March 1839. 171.492.3

BARKER, EDMUND HENRY, an indefatigable classical scholar, was born December, 1788, at Hollym vicarage, Yorkshire, of which his father was the incumbent. He was entered of Trinity College, Cambridge, 1807, but left the university without a degree, having a conscientious objection to signing the Thirty-nine Articles. He then resided for some time with Dr. Parr, and afterwards retired to Thetford, Norfolk, which will explain the meaning of the mysterious letters O. T. N. appended to his name on the title-pages of some of his works. He died in London, very poor, 16 March, 1839. Mr. Barker was a most laborious compiler, but his judgment was far from being equal to his industry. Porson once said to him, 'Sir, you have read a great deal, you have thought very little, and you know nothing.' His works are too numerous to allow of their titles being given in this place. Suffice it to say that he published some good editions of classical authors, and contributed some sound pieces of criticism to the 'Classical Journal,' the 'Retrospective Review,' and the 'British Critic.' He also had a considerable part in preparing Valpy's edition of Stephen's 'Thesaurus Græcæ Linguæ.' Among his miscellaneous publications, are two volumes of anecdotes about Dr. Parr, and a similar collection respecting Professor Porson. 492.1



Thetford, June 15, '24.

Dear Sir, I am sorry to learn that you have been deprived of a friend & client. It appears to me that the instances of sudden death have been surprisingly numerous lately. I never did see Mr. T. Cattle.

I congratulate you & Grafts on winning the day in the Chevelly-race.

Circ<sup>s</sup>? are now altered with me. Positively I do not think that I can have leave of absence to be with you at the hearing of the Appeal & then the month after go down to York. Time is really precious to me, & unfortunately there is too little certainty in what relates to Chancery-proceedings to calculate the precise time of the Appeal being heard. You must consider therefore whether my presence at the hearing be a matter of real necessity? & for my own part I



do not see that my presence can  
have any other use except to main-  
tain a giggle at the Cause altogether.  
If, however, I do come, you can dis-  
pose of me either at the Widow's or  
in your own house, as suits your &  
Upton's convenience.

You would learn from the Papers that  
the County Magistrates have been peti-  
tioning Parliamt to remove our Ass-  
izes to Norwich. But the Chancellor  
resists the formation of a secret Com-  
mittee & claims for the Crown the right  
of nominating the places of Assize. He  
& the Judges are with us, & the altera-  
tion will never be carried.

Yours truly  
E. H. Barker

Edmund H. Barker  
one of the most famous of  
English Philologists - Author  
of many classical works  
Life of Dr Parr - Essay on  
humors & others &c



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F. T. Maxon Esq.  
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Flatton Aug. 12, 1825

Dear Maxon

I return to Birmingham today, & shall hardly get off before Wednesday next. When I have seen your letter sent to Thetford, I will attend to it. Probably I shall not be at home before the end of next week, & therefore it will be unnecessary for you to be at Thetford on Tuesday; but on your return, when I may be at home, we can meet, if agreeable. I have no time now to answer the letter sent to Birmingham, & so God be with you!

Yours truly

E. H. Barker