

from measles, only 4 occurred in the Central districts, and only one in the largest and most populous division, the Southern. Scarlatina was fatal in 40 cases, among which 7 of diphtheria are enumerated. A girl died of typhus in a house in Gibraltar-walk, Bethnal-green, the fatal termination of the disease having been, in the opinion of the medical attendant, materially promoted by bad sanitary condition. Another child died of malignant scarlatina at 20 Danvers-street, Chelsea, in addition to the four, mentioned in last return, who have been carried off by this disease, in the same family, during the current month. A seaman died of scurvy on board a ship in the West India Dock. One person died of privation; 2 of intemperance, besides 3 of delirium tremens. The deaths of six persons are recorded who had attained the age of 90 years or upwards. The two oldest had arrived at the ages respectively of 97 and 100; the younger of whom died in Clapton; the centenarian in Alma-terrace, Old Kent-road.

Last week the births of 1020 boys and 934 girls, in all 1960 children, were registered in London. In the ten corresponding weeks of the years 1848-57 the average number was 1639.

At the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, the mean height of the barometer in the week was 29.963 in. On the last four days the mean barometrical reading was above 30 in., and on Saturday it was 30.306 in. The highest reading in the week was obtained on that day, and was 30.33 in. The mean temperature of the air in the week was 48°, and was 0.30 above the average of the same week in 43 years (as determined by Mr. Glaisher). The mean daily temperature was above the average throughout the week; on Tuesday the excess was equal to 0.1°, and varied from 6° to 9° on the four subsequent days. The lowest temperature in the week occurred on Sunday (the 14th) and was 36.9°; the highest on Friday, and was 61.4°; the range of the week was therefore 24.5°. The mean daily range of temperature was 14.8°. The difference between the mean dew point temperature and air temperature was 7.7°. The mean degree of humidity was 75, complete saturation being represented by 100; on Thursday and Saturday the humidity was 69. The mean temperature of the water of the Thames was 39.1°. The wind blew generally from the west. The whole amount of rain measured was the tenth of an inch.

ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE. This institution held its sixth anniversary festival on Wednesday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern, when upwards of 180 gentlemen sat down to a very excellent dinner to celebrate the occasion. Lord Stanley was to have presided, but his Lordship sent a letter excusing himself from attending on account of temporary indisposition, and Sir Charles Locock took the chair, supported by the Earl of Huntingdon, Admiral Collier, Admiral R. Carnac, Mr. J. H. Phillips, M.P., Mr. D. Pugh, M.P., Rev. Sir John Hayes, Rev. Canon Jennings, Rev. George Pocock, Dr. Babington, Major Moore, Major Miller, Mr. Propert, and others. After the loyal toasts had been received with the usual demonstrations, the Chairman proposed that of the Army and Navy, and in allusion to the services of the former he particularly dwelt upon the heroic fortitude that had been displayed in India by the British army, and adverted in feeling terms to the sufferings our women and children had endured from the atrocities inflicted upon them by the Sepoys. "Some persons (said Sir Charles) were weak enough to deny these things, but he knew them to be true." The toast having been responded to by Admiral Collier and Major Moore, the Chairman proposed the toast of the evening, "The President, and Prosperity to the Royal Medical and Benevolent College." It reflected the highest credit on the profession that the society should have erected a most substantial and commodious building at Epsom, and have accumulated a sum of not less than £45,000 in the course of six years. There were now at the College twenty pensioners, thirty foundation scholars, one hundred and twenty exhibitors, and some day scholars. Several other toasts were given, and the evening's entertainment was agreeably diversified by a selection of music, under the direction of the Quartet Glee Union. The contributions announced by the treasurer, Mr. Propert, amounted to upwards of £1,100.

PRIZES. The Society for the Encouragement of Science, Letters, and Arts, at Milan, has, in accordance with the report of its committee, adjudged to Dr. Edwin Lee, M.R.C.S. Eng., the prize of six hundred livres, as the author of the best essay on the subject—"What are the really useful applications in physiology, pathology, and therapeutics, that are to be expected from the investigations undertaken into the phenomena of animal magnetism?"

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