

have occurred in one family within eight days. Two children died on the 24th instant from diphtheria, in a family in Islington; and two from scarlatina, on the 17th, in a family at 1, Thames Street, Greenwich, where the house is stated to be "unwholesome". Four deaths from scarlatina are recorded in the sub-district of St. John, St. George-in-the-East, and six in that of Greenwich West. Cholera was fatal to two men, aged severally 66 years, on the 20th; and to a woman, aged 26 years, on the 19th. Only one person, a woman, included in the present returns, had attained the age of 90 years.

Last week the births of 839 boys and 818 girls, in all 1657 children, were registered in London. In the ten corresponding weeks of the years 1848-57, the average number was 1531.

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