



## WEEKLY RETURN

OF

# BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN LONDON.

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### HEALTH OF LONDON DURING THE WEEK.

In the week that ended on Saturday last 2515 persons died in London. This number exceeds the average 1248 by 1267, but is 281 less than the number of deaths in the week that ended September 1st, 1849, when cholera was epidemic, and 2796 persons died.

The air was stagnant in the early part of the week; no rain fell; the sun shone brightly; and the temperature of the atmosphere and the Thames ranged from 60° to 70°.

1287 deaths are referred to cholera, 243 to diarrhoea. The deaths from cholera during the last 9 weeks have been 1, 5, 26, 133, 399, 644, 729, 847, 1287.

The present cholera epidemic, like that of 1848-9, has appeared in two eruptions. The first broke out earlier (August 21st, 1853), the latter eruption later in the year (July 8th) than the corresponding eruptions in either the epidemic of 1832-3, or of 1848-9. Up to the date of September 1st, 1849, the epidemic in London during 15 weeks destroyed 8117 lives; in the present epidemic 4070 lives have been lost in the 8 weeks ending September 2d.

Although little more than a fourth part (616,635) of the population (2,362,236) of this vast city is on the south side of the Thames, 2317 of the 4070 deaths from cholera have happened in the low southern districts. And there the mortality is still heavy; 101 persons died of cholera last week in Bermondsey.

On the north side of the Thames there has been a remarkable outbreak in the St. James's district.

The local authorities should immediately make arrangements for carrying out the instructions of the BOARD OF HEALTH. No time should be lost. Inspection and the house-to-house visitation should be at once instituted. The maxim with every person now should be:—Follow your usual pursuits; live temperately, but well: fear nothing; but the instant you perceive any disorder, however slight, in yourself or any members of your family, apply for medical advice.

On the water companies that supply the population with the dirty water of the rivers a serious responsibility rests. The water of every company is as impure as it was in 1849, except in one instance. The Lambeth company now procures its water from Thames Ditton; and in the districts which it partially supplies the mortality from cholera is largely reduced.

TABLE OF DEATHS FROM CHOLERA IN LONDON; showing the Elevation in feet above Trinity High-water Mark, the Population in 1851, and the Number of Deaths from Cholera registered in each Sub-District; with the average annual Value of Houses in each District.

DISTRICTS AND SUB-DISTRICTS.	Elevation above Trinity High-water Mark.	Popu-lation in 1851.	Deaths from Cholera registered		DISTRICTS AND SUB-DISTRICTS.	Elevation above Trinity High-water Mark.	Popu-lation in 1851.	Deaths from Cholera registered	
			in the Seven Weeks ending Aug. 26.	in the Week ending Sept. 2.				in the Seven Weeks ending Aug. 26.	in the Week ending Sept. 2.
LONDON - - - - -	feet								
	39	2362236	2783	1287	1.—KENSINGTON. G.J. (Annual value of houses 44l.)	feet			
1-4. WEST DISTRICTS - - -	28	376427	465	300	Paddington, St. Mary WH	69	17252	7	8
5-11. NORTH DISTRICTS - -	135	490896	153	99	Paddington, St. John - - -	76	29653	22	6
12-18. CENTRAL DISTRICTS -	49	303256	126	69	Kensington Town WL	28	29183	56	20
19-24. EAST DISTRICTS	26	485522	392	149	Brompton H	12	14670	7	7
25-31. SOUTH DISTRICTS	6	616635	1647	670	Hammersmith, St. Peter	4	4467	3	8
					Hammersmith, St. Paul	8	13293	14	14
					Fulham w L	6	11856	14	13

DISTRICTS AND SUB DISTRICTS.		Elevation above High-Water-Mark.	Population in 1851.	Deaths from Cholera registered		DISTRICTS AND SUB-DISTRICTS.		Elevation above High-Water-Mark.	Population in 1851.	Deaths from Cholera registered	
		feet		in the Seven Weeks ending Aug. 23.	in the Week ending Sept. 2.			feet		in the Seven Weeks ending Aug. 23.	in the Week ending Sept. 2.
2.—CHELSEA. C.						15.—CLERKENWELL. NR.					
(Annual value of houses 291.)						(Annual value of houses 331.)					
Chelsea, South	- - - -	10	19050	51	15	St. James W	- - - -	44	21520	9	-
Chelsea, North-west W	- - - -	12	17669	46	11	Amwell P	- - - -	68	18720	4	-
Chelsea, North-east L	- - - -	18	18619	23	7	Pentonville	- - - -	84	11904	-	1
3.—ST. GEORGE, HANOVER SQ. G. J. C.						16.—ST. LUKE. NR. EL.					
(Annual value of houses 1151.)						(Annual value of houses 231.)					
Hanover Square	- - - -	64	20216	6	4	Old-street	- - - -	60	10617	2	1
May Fair W	- - - -	56	12980	7	6	City-road	- - - -	52	18840	2	1
Belgrave H	- - - -	12	40024	50	35	Whitecross-street	- - - -	52	13657	4	-
4.—WESTMINSTER. C.						17.—EAST LONDON. NR. EL.					
(Annual value of houses 361.)						(Annual value of houses 381.)					
St. John HP	- - - -	2	34295	47	38	St. Botolph W	- - - -	36	23824	8	3
St. Margaret WHP	- - - -	4	31314	74	33	Cripplegate P	- - - -	44	20582	12	5
5.—ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS. NR.						18.—WEST LONDON. NR.					
(Annual value of houses 1191.)						(Annual value of houses 631.)					
Charing Cross WII	- - - -	17	12587	11	5	West London, North W/HP	- - - -	36	12946	27	7
Long Acre	- - - -	60	12053	8	-	West London, South	- - - -	24	16344	2	5
6.—ST. JAMES, WESTMINSTER. G. J. NR.						19.—CITY OF LONDON. NR.					
(Annual value of houses 1281.)						(Annual value of houses 1171.)					
Borwick Street	- - - -	65	10768	4	27	City of London, South-west	- - - -	21	9204	2	1
St. James's Square	- - - -	40	11469	6	2	City of London, North-west	- - - -	44	11847	4	1
Golden Square W	- - - -	68	14129	14	49	City of London, South	- - - -	21	11461	6	1
7.—MARYLEBONE. WM.						20.—SHOREDITCH. NR. EL.					
(Annual value of houses 711.)						(Annual value of houses 201.)					
All Souls H	- - - -	76	23341	10	60	Holywell	- - - -	36	17245	10	11
Cavendish-square	- - - -	73	14687	2	-	St. Leonard	- - - -	41	19449	17	5
Rectory W	- - - -	68	27633	30	13	Hoxton New Town W	- - - -	53	23505	5	4
St. Mary	- - - -	79	23814	14	8	Hoxton Old Town	- - - -	52	17431	7	1
Christchurch	- - - -	62	33895	9	3	Haggerstone, West W	- - - -	52	20276	2	1
St. John	- - - -	124	20826	7	2	Haggerstone, East	- - - -	52	11951	1	1
8.—HAMPSHAD. NR. WM.						21.—BETHNAL GREEN. EL.					
(Annual value of houses 401.)						(Annual value of houses 91.)					
Hampstead W	- - - -	350	11896	2	-	Hackney Road	- - - -	44	23010	3	5
9.—PANCRAS. NR. II. WM.						22.—WHITECHAPEL. EL. NR.					
(Annual value of houses 411.)						(Annual value of houses 261.)					
Regent's Park	- - - -	87	31918	3	5	Artillery	- - - -	36	6769	5	2
Tottenham-court W II	- - - -	73	28483	6	10	Spitalfields	- - - -	36	13336	7	6
Gray's Inn Lane II	- - - -	52	26523	7	3	Mile End New Town W	- - - -	36	14548	4	7
Somers Town	- - - -	60	35641	10	5	Whitechapel, North W	- - - -	36	12330	9	5
Caunden Town W	- - - -	52	21115	5	4	Whitechapel Church II	- - - -	23	7818	20	1
Kenish Town	- - - -	110	23325	2	2	Goodman's Fields	- - - -	28	12069	4	1
10.—ISLINGTON. NR.						23.—ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST. EL.					
(Annual value of houses 351.)						(Annual value of houses 321.)					
Islington, West W III P	- - - -	100	47881	16	5	St. Mary	- - - -	36	18067	18	4
Islington, East	- - - -	88	47448	14	4	St. Paul	- - - -	27	20810	22	8
11.—HACKNEY. NR. EL.						24.—STEPNEY. EL.					
(Annual value of houses 251.)						(Annual value of houses 201.)					
Stoke Newington	- - - -	72	4840	-	1	Shadwell W	- - - -	7	16179	26	9
Stanford Hill	- - - -	76	5540	3	1	Ratcliff W	- - - -	18	18212	21	6
West Hackney	- - - -	55	18732	2	3	Mile End Old Town, Upper	- - - -	32	29582	11	7
Hackney, W	- - - -	44	20850	9	-	Mile End Old Town, Lower W	- - - -	28	27020	40	18
South Hackney	- - - -	44	8458	2	-	Limehouse W	- - - -	10	22782	43	9
12.—ST. GILES. NR.						25.—POPLAR. EL.					
(Annual value of houses 601.)						(Annual value of houses 441.)					
St. George, Bloomsbury	- - - -	71	16867	2	3	Bow W	- - - -	13	18778	18	8
St. Giles, South W	- - - -	64	19951	4	9	Poplar W	- - - -	3	23894	41	10
St. Giles, North	- - - -	68	17456	5	10	26.—ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK. SL.					
13.—STRAND. NR.						(Annual value of houses 361.)					
(Annual value of houses 601.)											
St. Anne, Scho	- - - -	64	17353	1	12	Christchurch W	- - - -	2	16022	25	14
St. Mary-le-Strand	- - - -	48	11615	5	-	St. Saviour H	- - - -	4	19709	125	52
St. Clement Danes II	- - - -	36	13510	8	2						
14.—HOLBORN. NR.											
(Annual value of houses 521.)											
St. George-the-Martyr	- - - -	56	18813	2	2						
St. Andrew Eastern W	- - - -	60	13671	1	-						
Saffron Hill	- - - -	40	13857	4	-						

moored within a few yards of one of the most horrid nuisances in the metropolis, and near enough to be filled with large blueflies from the festering mass, as narrated in the second case, which is that of the wife of a labourer employed on the West-wharf, Adelphi, which is used as a receptacle for all kinds of filth collected from various parts of the metropolis. It is put on board a rotten old barge, which very often does not lift with the tide, which flows into it, and at ebb runs out over the beach, saturated with every abomination, and renders, not only the lower tenements near it, but even the houses on the Adelphi-terrace, scarcely habitable. The parochial authorities took energetic measures before the magistrates, but from the state of the law they found they had no jurisdiction, and thus a nuisance most detrimental and fatal to public health is silently carrying off its victims, and no person in authority seems to be possessed of those prompt powers which in such a case and at such a time are imperatively demanded. From the direction of the atmospheric current on that day, the last case in Villier's-street was clearly within its fatal influence.

At the Workhouse, on 1st September, a servant, aged 36 years, "cholera (20 hours)." A casual pauper; ill when admitted.

At Charing-cross Hospital, on 1st September, a servant, aged 36 years, "premonitory symptoms (2 days), cholera (1 day)." A person from the country.

MARYLEBONE; *All Souls*.—At Middlesex Hospital, on 2d September, the daughter of a gasfitter, aged 5 years, "cholera maligna." From 16 Upper Rathbone-place. The houses in this street are but little cleaner than formerly. They are mostly let in single rooms to the poorer classes.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 2d September, the son of a bricklayer, aged 6 years, "cholera maligna." From 9 Hopkins-street, St. James's. Previously a brother of deceased is registered. Their mother died at 9 Hopkins-street, at 4 P.M., September 2d. A family living in dirt and poverty.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 2d September, the wife of a tailor, aged 24 years, "cholera maligna." From 25 Great Titchfield-street, Marylebone. Although the residence is 25 Titchfield-street, I think this case belongs to St. James's, as deceased, who was an artificial flower maker, passed her time from early in the morning to late at night in Marshall-street. She was taken suddenly ill while at work about 11 P.M. on Friday, and immediately conveyed to the Hospital.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 2d September, the wife of a tailor, aged 49 years, "cholera maligna." From 5 Berwick-street, St. James.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 2d September, a tailor, aged 48 years, "cholera maligna." From 5 Berwick-street, St. James. This is the husband of the above.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 2d September, a painter, aged 35 years, "cholera maligna." From 16 Broad-street, St. James. In 16 Broad-street there are now 2 adults lying dead from cholera, and 2 more are not expected to live, and many are dying in the immediate neighbourhood. Nearly all the cases of cholera which have come under my notice at Middlesex Hospital come from one locality (in St. James's Parish); it is much crowded, and many of those who have been attacked with the disease are dirty in their persons and houses; their food is indifferent, and clothing bad.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 1st September, a waistcoat maker, aged 20 years, "cholera maligna." From 8 Husband-street.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 1st September, a carpenter, aged 18 years, "cholera maligna." From 10 Husband-street. Both Irish families; their houses miserable and dirty.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 1st September, a widow, a flower maker, aged 44 years, "cholera maligna." From 8 St. Ann's-court, Soho. Worked at her business in Marshall-street, St. James.

At Middlesex Hospital, on 31st August, a farrier, aged 34 years, "cholera maligna." From 16 Noble-news. Deceased had been out of work for many weeks, and his family were in very great poverty. "Irish." The house is close to a cow yard.

At 6 Norton-street, on 1st September, a tailor, aged 20 years, "Asiatic cholera (17 hours)." The medical attendant says on certificate:—"There was no premonitory diarrhoea." He was taken with sickness while at work in an airy workshop in a street leading out of Regent-street.

ST. PANCRAS; *Tottenham Court*.—At 13 Fitzroy-street, on 1st September, a gentlewoman, aged 37 years, "diarrhoea (6 hours), Asiatic cholera (12 hours)." The deceased was first taken ill in Broad-street, Golden-square, at a carriage factory, and had always a presentiment of dying of cholera. She made her arrangements accordingly. Cramps came on after six hours.

At 6 Fitzroy-street, on 2d September, a seal engraver, aged 37 years, "Asiatic cholera (26 hours)." The house airy and clean. He suffered a fortnight previously from diarrhoea, which he neglected.

ST. PANCRAS; *Grays Inn Lane*.—At the Royal Free Hospital, from 3 Eagle-street, Holborn, on 25th August, a servant, aged 27 years, "cholera (3 days), delirium tremens (2 days)." The Registrar observes:—"I think it my duty to correct an error in Mr. Sparling's letter of the 25th ultimo to the Registrar-General, stating that the two children of Patrick Callaghan's which were removed from 4 Blakeney's-buildings, Islington, to the Royal Free Hospital, had both recovered. I registered the death of one on the 18th ultimo, named John Callaghan, aged 6 years.

ST. PANCRAS; *Camden Town*.—At the workhouse, on 22d August, a cap-maker, aged 69 years, "diarrhoea (2 days), cholera (24 hours)." The decease was an inmate, and in a bad state of health for several months.

At the workhouse, on 25th August, a female, aged 17 years, "cholera." The decease applied at the workhouse gate, 10 o'clock at night, ill and destitute, was immediately seen by the house surgeon, and died 18 hours afterwards.

At 13 College-street west, on 28th August, the wife of an accountant, aged 50 years, "diarrhoea (5 days), cholera (2 days)." Neglected diarrhoea; no medical attendant until the 5th day, when in state of collapse.