



Register General's Quarterly Return

Deplorable Sanitary State of the Town

The following important statement appears in the Registrar-General's last Quarterly Return of Births, Marriages, and Deaths (page 37). To it we draw the attention of all whom it may concern:- Highworth - Births 46; Deaths 56. The deaths are above average, which is accounted for by the cholera having visited the parish of Stratton St. Margaret, a place which I think will never be in a healthy state until properly drained, and the people are supplied with pure water. Many of the cottagers have no water, except what they get from neighbouring ditches, into which privies are empties, and vegetable and other refuse is thrown.

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