

**THE immigrants per Agra will be ready for hiring from and after to-morrow (Thursday) morning, at 10 o'clock, at the depôt. They consist of 273 souls, equal to 235½ statute adults, and are thus classified—39 married men, 40 married women (one of the former having died during the voyage), 60 single men, 67 single women, and 67 children. They are described as being principally farm labourers and domestic servants, with a few mechanics, and appear a very desirable addition to our population.**

**A VERY affecting ceremony took place on Monday morning at the quarantine station. It appears that an infant, the daughter of Samuel Munns, a passenger by the Agra, died on Sunday night on board the vessel in Keppel Bay, from whooping cough, and was buried by the captain at the cemetery near the quarantine station the following morning. There is nothing in the incident calling for anything beyond ordinary remark, but those who wit-**

nessed the extreme anguish of the parents will not easily forget it. There were five deaths on the passage—one adult passenger and one sailor, with three children; and one birth.

THE tug-boat Mary left town on Sunday night, at 8 o'clock, with the Health Officer and Mr. E. P. Livermore, a member of the local Immigration Board and agent for the ship, for the purpose of visiting and examining the newly-arrived immigrant ship Agra. The steamer reached the anchorage a little below Sea Hill at 1 o'clock the following morning, and anchored within hail of the ship until daylight, when Dr. Salmond sent a boat-load of fresh provisions on board for the use of the immigrants, and paid his official visit shortly afterwards. This latter resulted in a very wise and humane determination on his part to send the married people—at least those who had children—to the quarantine station for a week for the benefit of their health, and to prevent the possible spread of

an infectious disease among the children in town, as it was discovered that eighteen cases of whooping cough existed on board, and that one infant had died of the disease the previous night. This decision arrived at, the Dr. with Mr. Livermore visited the quarantine buildings the former having previously telegraphed his opinion and intention to the Government at Brisbane. A reply was received that evening asking whether any infectious or contagious disease existed on board within the meaning of the Quarantine Act, and desiring the health officer to await further instructions. This was replied to and a telegram came to hand at six o'clock yesterday morning requesting the doctor to use his own discretion. The immigrants were mustered the previous afternoon and duly asked in the usual way if he or she had any complaints to make. Several grumbling replies were made, and in one or two instances the passengers stated their intention to apply in writing for an in-



vestigation by the Board into the quantity and quality of the food supplied by the ship. This was duly noted by Dr. Salmond and Mr. Livermore and the Mary was again anchored for the night a short distance from the vessel, and at five o'clock yesterday morning steamed alongside and took the whole of the passengers on board, it being decided to bring them all on to town at once. About seven o'clock a very thick fog came on, and at eight, when everything was ready for a start, the fog had increased, and was so thick that Mr. Pilot Roberts—who had never seen anything like it in his fifteen years experience—found it impossible to move, and was compelled to wait until mid-day, and therefore lost the morning's tide. It was fully twelve o'clock before the steamer could possibly leave, and there being no awnings on board to protect the people from the expected heavy dews Captain Riches, of the ship Glamorganshire, kindly lent a couple of awnings, which were of great use

in preventing the passengers being saturated by the rain, which came on while the steamer was lying below the Upper Flats. All difficulties being at last overcome, the steamer reached the A. S. N. Co.'s wharf a little after ten o'clock, and were received by a detachment of police under the management of Mr. Sub-Inspector Isley, and the landing was effected without accident. On nearing the wharf, several cheers were given by the immigrants for Queensland, the land of their adoption, which was concluded with the national anthem and one cheer more. We have omitted to mention that the buildings at the quarantine station are excellently arranged and faithfully built, and that the place was formally handed over to the keeping of Mr. Mills, of H. M. Customs, who has recently received the appointment of Superintendent.

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