

evident, by the neat and comfortable appearance of the immigrants, and by the unanimous demonstration of approval they made, when asked to give their opinion upon the voyage. From the clean and respectable appearance of these immigrants, and from the testimony given by Captain Williams and Dr. Bligh, we are of opinion that they will prove an acquisition to the colony. The surgeon-superintendent (Dr. Bligh), in his report, mentions with warm approval the successful effort made by a lady passenger (Miss Turrell) to sustain the moral tone of the single women: she diligently, punctually, and with great self-sacrifice, devoted over four hours daily to their instruction. Doubtless, the information received and the good impression made will have a lasting and happy influence over many of them, and we respectfully submit that an acknowledgment of these services from the department would be a grateful act.

We recommend that all the usual gratuities be paid.

We have, &c.,
ALEXANDER JOHNSTON, M.D.
JOHN HOLLIDAY.

No. 33.

The Hon. C. C. BOWEN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 3.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th January, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Nelson," which arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 26th December ultimo:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Certified list of births and deaths.

I have, &c.,
C. C. BOWEN,

(in the absence of the Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 33.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Nelson."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 27th December, 1875.

We have to report the arrival of the ship "Nelson" in port from Glasgow, on the 26th instant, her passage having occupied eighty-seven days. The number of her emigrants on leaving port was 412 souls, equal to 333 adults. There were seven births and fourteen deaths on the passage, reducing the number to 405 souls, equal to 329 adults. The surgeon reports that the general health of the adult passengers was good throughout the voyage, but the young children, of whom there were 132 under twelve years of age, were less fortunate, bronchitis, diarrhœa, and consequent debility having cut off a larger percentage than usual. The ventilation, which was carried through side scuttles and openings through the deck, appeared to us to be effective. The several compartments were minutely examined, and found in a creditable state of order and cleanliness. The condenser (Chaplin's) did its work well, water for all purposes being abundant. On the usual questions being asked, the immigrants expressed themselves as well satisfied with their treatment. There were no complaints. We are satisfied that the stipulations of the charter-party have been duly fulfilled, and that Dr. Crawford, Captain Leslie, and his officers have performed their several duties very satisfactorily.

We have, &c.,
COLIN ALLAN.
WM. THOMSON.

His Honor the Superintendent, Otago.

No. 34.

The Hon. C. C. BOWEN to the AGENT-GENERAL.

(No. 4.)

SIR,—

Immigration Office, Wellington, 11th January, 1876.

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the following documents relative to the "Waimate," which vessel arrived at Port Chalmers upon the 3rd December ultimo:—1. Immigration Commissioners' report. 2. Certified list of births and deaths.

I have, &c.,
C. C. BOWEN,

(in the absence of the Minister for Immigration).

The Agent-General for New Zealand, London.

Enclosure in No. 34.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT on Ship "Waimate."

SIR,—

Port Chalmers, 4th December, 1875.

We have the honor to report that the ship "Waimate" arrived from London with Government immigrants on the 3rd instant, her passage from port to port being ninety days. Her immigrants number 341 souls, equal to 293 statute adults. There were two deaths and one birth on the passage,