

SCOTTISH HERO.

The ship *Scottish Hero*, which belongs to Messrs. McIlwraith, McEacharn and Co.'s Scottish line, left London on 13th September, and passed Deal on the 15th, reaching Keppel Bay on the night of the 12th December, 1877, and making the passage in 89 days, or 88 days from Deal. Captain McEacharn reports that the passage had been a fine one.

The Health Officer, Dr. Salmond, went alongside the barque on the 14th December, and ascertained from Dr. Mark that there was one suspicious case of fever on board. Dr. Salmond consequently placed the ship in quarantine for six days. During the passage, but there were six cases of passage, but there were six cases of recovered. One case of smallpox appeared on the 27th September, but the patient was well on the 15th October. Dr. Marks has vaccinated the passengers. The immigrants generally are very healthy. Five children died during the passage from infantile ailments. There have been three births.

On Tuesday, the 18th December, Dr. Salmond left town in the tug-boat *Mary* for the purpose of bringing up the immigrants in the event of his finding them all well.

The arrival of the *Mary* was loudly cheered by the immigrants, over whose head the yellow flag still waved; and none but the Health Officer, who, of course, has a charmed life and may go anywhere, dare go on board the vessel. The *Mary* dropped her anchor at a respectable distance from the big ship, and Dr. Salmond lost no time in getting into his boat and proceeding to make the usual medical inspection. It took an hour last week to run up the yellow flag, now it came down in a few

flag, now it came down in a few minutes, all on board being quite well. By this time it was dark, and most of the visitors spent the night on board the immigrant vessel. By 3 o'clock on the following morning the Mary got steam up and went alongside the barque, to which she was lashed, it having been arranged that the vessel was to be towed up to Central Island, and the immigrants there transhipped for town; but the direction of the wind which blew freshly from the N.N.W., and the comparative weakness of the tug, prevented the arrangement from being carried out, as the barque would have towed the tug, instead of the tug the barque. It was then decided to take the immigrants up to town in the Mary, and matters remained in abeyance till daylight.

About half-past 5 the immigrants were mustered on deck, to have their names checked off. Over twenty had banking accounts, the sums to their credit ranging from £2 to £200. This showed that the Agent-General had secured a few of the better sort of fish in his net. Many more had money, but as it had been banked we have no clue as to the amounts. A seat at the table would have delighted Lavator, and the roll-

call disclosed some curious and celebrated names, there being among the passenger a Charles O'Malley and a William Shakespeare. The Health Officer got through his duties in a couple of hours, and by 8 all had embarked on board the Mary.

The Mary then cast off from the ship, the seamen exchanging cheers with the immigrants. They got up a little before 5, and landed at one of the wharves abreast the Custom House. The police were on

tom House. The police were on duty, as usual; and the new arrivals, pleased, we understand, with their first view of Rockhampton, were soon in the comfortable quarters at the depot, in charge of Mr. Graham, who had everything handy for their reception.

The Scottish Hero had on board 318 souls, equal to 280 statute adults. Nationalities: 210 English, 4 Scotch, 83 Irish, and 21 other countries. Classification: 3 steerage, 124 assisted, 176 free, 14 remittance, and 1 free nomination. Social condition: 40 married men, 41 married women, 110 single men, 60 single women, 32 male and 26 female children, 4 male and 5 female infants. Occupations: 58 female domestic servants, 84 farm labourers, 14 labourers, 6 painters, 3 gardeners, 3 engineers' fitters, 5 miners, 2 coopers, 1 blacksmith, 3 tailors, 1 mason, 3 bakers, 4 carpenters, 1 wheelwright, and 7 others. ("C." 22/12/77).