

should be seen in clear weather from a distance of about 15 miles.

The lighthouse consists of a square two-storied tower, constructed of stone and painted white; keeper's dwelling adjoining.

Position, lat. $46^{\circ} 46' 40''$ N., long. $36^{\circ} 46' 20''$ E. [The bearings are magnetic. Variation (1) 7° ; (2) $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1883.]

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
19th November, 1883.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1.) Mediterranean Sea, No. 2158*b*; Grecian Archipelago, No. 2836*b*; Gulf of Volo, No. 1556. Also, Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. IV, 1882, page 263.

(2.) Black Sea, No. 2214; Sea of Azov, No. 2234; Berdiansk-road, No. 2209. Also, Admiralty List of Lights in the Mediterranean, &c., 1883, No. 735; and Black Sea Pilot, 1871, page 71.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 349.)—AUSTRALIA—NORTH-WEST COAST.

(1.) *Reef North-Eastward of Troughton Island.*

INFORMATION has been received of the existence of a reef, lying with Troughton Island bearing S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S., distant about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

This reef (Guichen Reef), on which the French steam vessel of war "Guichen" struck, is stated to be of some extent, with several rocky heads that uncover at low water.

Position approximate on Admiralty Charts, lat. $13^{\circ} 39'$ S., long. $126^{\circ} 18'$ E.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.—TONGA OR FRIENDLY ISLAND.

(2.) *Tongatābu Island—Shoal in Tongatābu Harbour Approach.*

The German Government has given notice, on the authority of the Commander of the German vessel of war "Hyäne," of the existence of a shoal lying in the northern approach to Tongatābu Harbour, Tongatābu Island:—

The bottom was seen from the "Hyäne" when passing near this shoal (Hyäne), and a depth of 6 fathoms was obtained about 2 cables northward of a spot on which the sea was breaking, to the northward the depth increased to 9 and 16 fathoms. For the position of the 6 fathoms, the following bearings are given:—

Mallenoah Islet, south.

South extreme of Atataa Islet, S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S.

Position, $20^{\circ} 55\frac{1}{2}'$ S., long. $175^{\circ} 5'$ W.

[The bearings are magnetic. Variation (1) $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$, (2) 10° , Easterly in 1883.]

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
19th November, 1883.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—

(1.) Australia, general, No. 2759*a*; Australia, north-west coast, No. 475; Cape Ford to Buccaneer Archipelago, No. 1047; Admiralty Gulf and Vansittart Bay, No. 1050. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. III, 1881, page 133.

(2.) Tonga or Friendly Islands, No. 2421.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 350.)—NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN.

Floating Wreck northward of the Azores.

INFORMATION has been received from Lloyd's, that the Commander of the Belgian steam-vessel "Danish Steinman" reports having

passed, on 31st October, 1883, a derelict vessel named "Locus" (wooden, about 100 tons burden, painted black, dismantled and bowsprit gone) in lat. $47^{\circ} 36'$ N., long. $32^{\circ} 29'$ W., or about 1,000 miles westward of Cape Clear, and 450 miles northward of Flores, Azores.

This wreck presents a danger to shipping crossing the northern part of the Atlantic.

In this locality, the drift current may be considered to set in an E.N.E. direction (true), at the rate of about three-quarters of a mile an hour.

By command of their Lordships,

Fredk. J. Evans, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
19th November, 1883.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Atlantic, General, No. 2050; North Atlantic, eastern part, No. 2060*a*. Also, Pilot Charts for Atlantic Ocean.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, section five, do hereby, subject as hereinafter mentioned, grant to the Incumbent for the time being of the vicarage of Saint Peter, Monkwearmouth, in the county of Durham, and in the diocese of Durham, one yearly sum or stipend of one hundred and twenty pounds, such yearly sum or stipend to be payable out of the common fund under our control, and to be calculated as from the twenty-third day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and to be receivable, in four equal portions, on the first day of February, the first day of May, the first day of August, and the first day of November in each and every year: Provided always, that the annual sum or stipend so granted by us to the Incumbent of the said vicarage shall be paid only upon the production to us, on or after each of the said lastly-mentioned days in each and every year, of a certificate under the hand of the Bishop of the said diocese of Durham, that two Assistant-Curates, duly licensed by such Bishop, have been employed within the parish of Saint Peter, Monkwearmouth aforesaid, during the quarter of the year then ended, and that each of such curates is in receipt of a salary after a rate of not less than one hundred and twenty pounds per annum: Provided also, that such yearly sum or stipend shall continue payable as aforesaid so long only as may to us appear to be expedient under the circumstances from time to time affecting the said parish and vicarage of Saint Peter, Monkwearmouth.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal this twenty-second day November, in the year one thousand of eight hundred and eighty-three.

(L.S.)

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in consideration of a benefaction consisting of two hundred and twenty pounds sterling, which has been paid to us in favour of the vicarage of Christ Church, Coatham, in the county of York, and in the diocese of York, do hereby, in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, sections five and eleven, grant and appropriate out of our common fund to the said vicarage of Christ Church, Coatham, to meet such benefaction, one other capital sum of two hundred and twenty pounds sterling, to be applicable towards defraying the cost of providing a parsonage or house of residence for the said