The Block House Shoal Buoy will be discontinued, and a buoy placed to mark the north-western extremity of the Middle Ground. The newly-formed channel immediately north of the Middle Ground will be buoyed.

Rapid changes are now taking place in this neighbourhood; these alterations must therefore be considered temporary until further notice is given.

CAUTION.-In crossing the flats (now known as the Fairy Flats), south-eastward of the Middle Ground, mariners are warned that a wreck (marked by a green buoy) exists about two miles south-eastward of the tail of the bank.

2. The following information has also been received from Captain H. N. Dudding, Her Majesty's ship "Iphigenia":-

A red buoy (named Tsung Ming Upper Bank) surmounted by a black cylindrical cage has been moored in four fathoms, low-water springs, to mark the southern edge of the bank of that name, with Middle Island Beacon bearing S. 49° E., distant 3.20 miles, and north extreme of Bush Island S. 76° W.

Approximate position, lat. 31° 27' 45" N., long. 121° 38' 20" E.

The Tsung Ming Bank buoy has been moved 4 cables S. 30° E. from its former position, and now lies in  $2\frac{3}{4}$  fathoms, with Middle Island beacon bearing S. 2° E., distant  $2\frac{6}{10}$  miles, and north extreme of Bush Island S. 76° W.

Approximate position, lat. 31° 28' 30" N., long. 121° 36' 0" E.

Rapid changes are also taking place in this neighbourhood, the width of the channel between the 3-fathom contour lines northward of Bush Island being now reduced to 4 cables.

Island being now reduced to 4 cables. [Variation 2° Westerly in 1899.] This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts :--Kue Shan Islands to Yang Tse Kiang, No. 1199; Approaches to the Yang Tse Kiang, No. 1602. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1899, No. 737; China Sea Directory. Vol. III, 1894, pages 423, 424, 446; and Supplement, 1898, relating to that work, pages 95. 26 25, 26. No. 181.—CHINA—MIRS BAY.

Knob Reef-Ledge Extending North-Eustward from.

INFORMATION, dated 20th February, 1899, has been received from the Commander-in-Chief, China, that a rocky ledge, with a depth of 2 feet on its extremity, extends for 200 yards in a northeasterly direction from Knob Reef, Tolo Channel, Mirs Bay.

Approximate position, lat. 22° 28' 5" N., long. 114° 17' 25" E. [Variation Nil in 1899.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart :- Mirs Bay, No. 1964. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. 111, 1894, page 127; and Supplement, 1898, relating to that work, page 14.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer. Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 1st to 4th April, 1899.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that a separate building named Hope Hall Baptist Chapel, situated at Nevendon-road, Vange, in the civil parish of Vange in the county of Essex, in the registration district of Billericay, being a building certified , ccording to law as a place of meeting for religious wor-bip, was on the 22nd day of March, 1899, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. 4, c. 85.-Witness my hand this 22nd day of March, 1899.

CHARLES EDGAR LEWIS, Superintendent Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a separate building named Zion, situated at Oxf rdstreet, Pontycymmer, in the civil parish of Llangeinor, in the county of Glamorgan, in the registration district of Bridgend, being a building certified according to law as a place of meeting for religious worship, was on the 29th day of March, 1899, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. 4, c. 85.-Witness my hand this 29th day of March, 1899.

R. HARMAR COX, Superintendent Registrar.

In the Matter of certain Letters Patent granted to Robert Dick of the firm of Robert and James Dick of Greenhead Glasgow Lanarkshire Manufacturer for an invention of "improvements in the manufacture of driving belts or flat bands and in the means or apparatus employed." Dated the 14th day of October, 1885, and numbered 12254 and amended 31st October, 1893

OTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the above named James Dick of Greenhead Glasgow aforesaid to present a petition to Her Majesty in Council praying that the said Letters Patent may be extended for a further term. And notice is hereby further given that on the 10th day of May next or on such subsequent day as the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council shall appoint for that purpose an application will be made to the said Committee for a time to be fixed for hearing the matter of the said petition and any person desirous of being heard in opposition to the prayer of the said petition must enter a caveat to that effect in the Privy Council Office on or before the said 10th day of May next.—Dated this 1st day of April, 1899.

FAITHFULL and OWEN, 11 Victoria-street Westminster, S.W. Solicitors for the above named Petitioner.

In the High Court of Justice.-Companies (Winding-up). Mr. Justice Wright.

No. 00128 of 1899.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts 1862 to 1893 and in the Matter of the Brazilian Street Railway Company Limited.

OTICE is hereby given that a petition for the winding up of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 5th day of April 1899 presented to the said Court by George Bush of 34 Cleveland-square Hyde Park in the county of London a creditor of the said Company and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London on Weilnesday the 19th day of April 1899 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.--Dated this 5th day of April, 1899.

BLYTH DUTTON HARTLEY and BLYTH 112 Gresham House Old Broad-street London E.C. Solicitors for the Petitioner.