

*Learners*, Mabel Jessie Britt (Hastings), Jessie Herd (Anstruther), Walter Francis Hunt (Newton-le-Willows), Frederick William Mercer (Tunbridge Wells).

*Postmen*, Albert Chilcott (Bridgwater), John Thomas Littlejohns (Ivybridge), Frederick Thomas Tiley (Peterborough).

*Temporary Assistant Postmen*, Ernest George Anderson (Beckenham), Charles Harford Stanton (Lyme Regis).

FOR REGISTRATION AS TEMPORARY BOY COPYISTS (NEW CLASS).

Patrick Duffy, Samuel Thomas Spink.

### NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 50 to 53 of the year 1901.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

#### No. 50.—AUSTRALIA—VICTORIA.

*Port Phillip Entrance—Intended Alteration of Buoyage and Lights in West Channel.*

THE Government of Victoria has given notice, that it is intended, on 13th February, 1901, to commence altering the lights and buoyage in the West Channel to Port Phillip as follows:—

1. The Pile Light on the West Sand will show the following sectors:—white from the bearing of N. 34° E. through north to N. 77° W., red from N. 77° W. through west to S. 89° W., white from S. 80° W. through south to S. 14° E., and red from S. 14° E. through east to N. 34° E.

Approximate position, lat. 38° 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ' S., long. 144° 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' E.

2. Popes Eye Bank.—A white occulting light, elevated 24 feet above high water, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 7 miles, will be established and shown from a beacon near Popes Eye Fort.

3. Swanspit Gas Buoy, exhibiting a red occulting light, will be replaced by a can buoy.

4. No. 4 Buoy (red conical) will be moved about 2 cables S. 8° W. from its present position to mark the south-western extremity of the shoal.

5. Swashway Buoy (red conical) will be replaced by a gas buoy, exhibiting a red fixed light, at the northern extremity of Royal George Shoal.

6. No. 2, Royal George Shoal Buoy, exhibiting white occulting light, will be altered to show a red occulting light.

Approximate position, lat. 38° 16' S., long. 144° 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' E.

[Variation 8° Easterly in 1901.]

Further notice will be given when these alterations are carried out.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Port Phillip Entrance, No. 1171a, 2747a. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1900, No. 1116, page 182; and Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1897, pages 445, 446, 447.

#### No. 51.—ALASKA, ALEXANDER ARCHIPELAGO.

*Duncan Canal—Rock Reported.*

THE United States Government has given notice, dated October, 1900, of the existence of a rock which uncovers at a quarter ebb in Duncan Channel, situated about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles N.W. from the western end of Grief Island.

Approximate position, lat. 56° 38' N., long. 133° 4' W.

This rock at low water is about 50 feet long N.W. and S.E.

[Variation 29° Easterly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Port McArthur to Windham Bay,

No. 2463. Also, Sailing Directions for Bering Sea, &c., 1898, page 48.

#### No. 52.—UNITED STATES, WEST COAST, OREGON.

*Columbia River Light-Vessel still Ashore.*

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 788 of 1899:—

The United States Government has given notice, dated 22nd December, 1900, that Columbia River Light-vessel (which exhibited two white fixed lights) is still ashore near McKenzie Head at the entrance to the port.

This light-vessel's proper station is in the meantime marked by a black can buoy, inscribed "Light-vessel moorings" in white, and moored with Cape Disappointment Lighthouse bearing N. 27° E., distant 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Approximate position, lat. 46° 11' N., long. 124° 12' W.

[Variation 21° Easterly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Cape Mendocino to Vancouver Island, No. 2531; Columbia River, No. 2839. Also, List of Lights, Part VII, 1900, No. 342; Sailing Directions for the West Coast of Central and North America, 1896, page 417.

#### No. 53.—ENGLAND—BRISTOL CHANNEL.

*River Usk—Colour of Leading Lights Altered.*

THE Newport Harbour Commissioners have given notice that, on and after 1st February, 1901, the colour of the two fixed leading lights, situated about 100 yards northward of Julians Pill, River Usk, will be changed from white to green, but in other respects will remain as before.

Approximate position, lat. 51° 33' N., long. 2° 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Bristol Channel, No. 2682. Also, List of Lights, Part I, 1900, No. 933 (Remarks); and Sailing Directions for the West Coast of England, 1891, page 189; Hydrographic Notice, No. 3, 1895, page 13.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.  
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,  
14th to 15th January, 1901.

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 grant and convey to the Incumbent of the vicarage of Bicknoller, in the county of Somerset, and in the diocese of Bath and Wells, and to his successors, Incumbents of the same vicarage, all that piece or parcel of land and hereditaments with the appurtenances thereto belonging, particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed, and now vested in us: To have and to hold the said piece or parcel of land and hereditaments with the appurtenances to the use of the said Incumbent and his successors for ever.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this tenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one.

(L.S.)

#### Schedule.

All that plot of garden land comprising in the whole eight perches or thereabouts, situate in the parish of Bicknoller, in the county of Somerset, and numbered 85 and 86 on the tithe map of the parish of Bicknoller, being the site of cottages