

Information has been received from Lieutenant and Commander W. Sims, His Majesty's ship "Leda," dated 16th April, 1901, that the wreck of the "White Rose," which sank in the entrance to Galway Harbour in a position with Black Rock Perch bearing N.N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., distant 4 cables, has been removed, and consequently the wreck buoy which marked its position has been discontinued.

Approximate position, lat. $53^{\circ} 13' 55''$ N., long. $9^{\circ} 6' 20''$ W.

[Variation $21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Westerly in 1901.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Slyne Head to Liscannor Bay, No. 2173; Galway Bay, No. 1984. Also, Irish Coast Pilot, 1893, page 356.

No. 305.—ENGLAND—SPITHEAD.

Ryde Middle Shoal—Gas Buoys to be Established.

NOTICE is hereby given, that, in or about the second week in May, 1901, it is intended to replace the South-East and West Buoys on Ryde Middle Shoal by two gas buoys. Each buoy will show two white flashes in quick succession every ten seconds.

The shape and colour of these buoys will remain as at present, but the West Middle Buoy will be without a top mark.

Further notice will be given when this alteration has been made.

Approximate position, South-East Middle Buoy, lat. $50^{\circ} 45' 55''$ N., long. $1^{\circ} 12' 25''$ W.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Owers to Christchurch, No. 2045; Approaches to Spithead, No. 250; Spithead, No. 394. Also, Channel Pilot, Part I, 1900, page 235.

No. 306.—SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN.

Extensive Bank Reported to the North-Eastward of the Fiji Islands—Caution.

INFORMATION, dated 5th February, 1901, has been received through the Colonial Secretary of the Fiji Islands, that the steamship "Manapouri" on the 7th January last, saw the bottom and obtained soundings of 13 fathoms over a distance of about 11 miles, in approximately lat. $15^{\circ} 55'$ S., long. $176^{\circ} 50'$ W.

This is near the position of the shoal reported by Captain Wilson, of the schooner "Zephyr," in 1875, who stated that in lat. $15^{\circ} 58'$ S., long. $177^{\circ} 10'$ W., he saw an extensive shoal on which there was a rock awash (see Notice to Mariners, No. 58 of 1876).

In June, 1876, Her Majesty's ship "Pearl" when passing the reported position of this shoal obtained two soundings $5\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms at night. Sail was shortened and course altered, but almost immediately afterwards no bottom could be obtained at 12 fathoms. The position given by Her Majesty's ship "Pearl" was lat. $16^{\circ} 0'$ S., long. $176^{\circ} 6'$ W.

In 1879, Captain Carmichael of the schooner "Louisanna" reported obtaining soundings of from 15 to 17 fathoms in lat. $15^{\circ} 56'$ S., long. $176^{\circ} 56'$ W.

The Zephyr Shoal was searched for in 1895 by Her Majesty's surveying-vessel "Penguin," Commander A. Balfour, and soundings of 11 fathoms were obtained in lat. $15^{\circ} 53'$ S., long. $176^{\circ} 46'$ W., or near the position given by the steamship "Manapouri."

The shoaler water reported by Her Majesty's ship "Pearl" and by the schooner "Zephyr" was not found although the weather was somewhat rough, so that Commander Balfour was of the opinion that did such soundings exist, the sea would have been breaking over the locality.

In consequence of the above reports, Mariners

are warned that much shoaler water may exist in this locality than is at present shown on the Charts.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Pacific Ocean, South-west Sheet, No. 780; Fiji Islands to Samoa Islands, No. 1829. Also, Sailing Directions for the Pacific Islands, Vol. II, 1900, page 237.

No. 307.—BURMA—RANGOON RIVER APPROACH.

China Bakir Light Re-exhibited—Light-Vessel Withdrawn.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 684 of 1900:—

The Government of India has given further notice, that on or about the 1st May, 1901, the light (fixed and flashing every minute) will be again exhibited from China Bakir Lighthouse, and it is presumed from the new structure. China Bakir Light will exhibit the characteristics given in the Admiralty List of Lights, Part VI, 1901, No. 365.

Approximate position; lat. $16^{\circ} 17'$ N., long. $96^{\circ} 11'$ E.

On the date of the re-exhibition of the above light, the light-vessel established during its discontinuance will be withdrawn.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Bassein River to Pulo Penang, No. 830; Koronge Island to White Point, No. 823; Rangoon River, No. 833. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1901, No. 365; and Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1892, page 321.

No. 308.—CHINA SEA—BANKA STRAIT APPROACH.

Wreck Eastward of Tanjong Bong Disappeared.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 712 of 1898:—

The Netherlands Government has given further notice, dated 20th April, 1901, that a careful search by Her Netherlandic Majesty's surveying-vessel "Van Gogh," having failed to find any trace of the sunken wreck reported $13\frac{1}{2}$ miles E. by S. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. from Tanjong Bong, Sumatra, and previous searches having been equally unsuccessful, it has been expunged from the Charts.

Approximate position, lat. $1^{\circ} 5'$ S., long. $104^{\circ} 35'$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Eastern Archipelago, No. 941a; Banka Strait to Singapore, No. 2757. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, pages 401, 543; and Supplement, 1899, page 36.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
29th to 30th April, 1901.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter one hundred and eleven, sections five and eleven, do hereby, subject as hereinafter mentioned, grant and appropriate out of our common fund to the vicarage of Llanegwad, in the county of Carmarthen, and in the diocese of Saint Davids, one capital sum of six hundred pounds sterling, to be applicable towards defraying the cost of providing a parsonage or house of residence for the said vicarage, according to plans approved or to be approved by us, such capital sum, or the balance thereof unapplied to such purpose, to remain in the meantime in our hands at interest after the rate