Light Vessel, exhibiting automatically a white occulting light every fifteen seconds in the approach to Bombay, has been withdrawn for repairs, and would be replaced at once by a light vessel, exhibiting a white revolving light every twenty seconds, elevated 36 feet above the sea, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles. The vessel, which is painted red, has three masts with a red ball at the main mast head.

Approximate position on Chart No. 2621, lat. 18° 49′ N., long. 72° 47′ E.

Further notice will be given when the permanent light-vessel is again in position.

This Notice affects temporarily the following Admiralty Chart:—Bombay Harbour, No. 2621. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1905, No. 237; and West Coast of Hindustan Pilot, 1898, page 197.

No. 162.—CHINA—HONG KONG.

Green Island Light—Arc of Visibility of.

The Government of Hong Kong has given notice, dated 30th December, 1904, that during the construction of a new lighthouse tower, Green Island light will not show red and white sectors as before, but will be only visible as a white fixed light from the bearing of S. 76° E., through east and north, to N. 84° W., being obscured in other directions by the new building.

Approximate position, lat. 22° 17¼′ N., long. 114° 6½′ E.

[Variation 1° Easterly in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Hong Kong, Nos. 1466 and 3280. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1905, No. 721; China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1904, page 68.

No. 163.—CHINA—SOUTH-EAST COAST.

Cape of Good Hope—Wreck South-eastward of.

The Chinese Government has given notice, dated 28th December, 1904, that the wreck of the steamship "Workfield" lies sunk in a depth of 18 fathoms in a position from which Cape of Good Hope bears N. 45° W., distant about 15 miles.

Approximate position, lat. 23° 3½′ N., long. 116° 59¾′ E.

[Variation Nil in 1905.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Formosa Island, &c., No. 1968; Hong Kong to the Brothers, No. 1962. Also, China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1904, page 147.

No. 164.—ADRIATIC—GULF OF VENICE.

Caorle—Light Established.

The Italian Government has given notice that, on 15th February, 1905, a white fixed light, elevated 41 feet above the sea, and visible in clear weather from a distance of 10 miles, would be established upon the steeple of the church situated on the extremity of the point eastward of Caorle.

Approximate position, lat. 45° 36′ 0″ N., long. 12° 53′ 30″ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Adriatic, No. 1440; Gulf of Trieste, &c., No. 201. Also, List of Lights, Part V, 1905, page 117; Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. III, 1899, page 116; and Supplement, 1904, page 7.

No. 165.—AUSTRALIA—VICTORIA.

Port Phillip Entrance—Sweeping and Blasting Operations.

With reference to Notices to Mariners Nos. 357 and 913 of 1904:—

The Government of the State of Victoria has given further notice that, on or about 9th January, 1905, sweeping and blasting operations for removing the shoal patches obstructing the entrance into Port Phillip would be resumed.

The steam vessel employed for this purpose will, when sweeping, display the Code signal X. H. C., and when blasting, will hoist letter B. at the masthead; before the charge is exploded this vessel will give prolonged blasts with the steam whistle, and a red flag will be shown from the larger of the attendant boats.

CAUTION.—When these signals are displayed mariners are warned not to approach the boats engaged in this work nearer than half a mile, and they are specially requested to keep clear of these vessels when sweeping operations are in progress as the apparatus renders the vessel's movements slow and uncertain.

Approximate position, lat. 38° 18′ S., long. 144° 38′ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Port Phillip Entrance, No. 2747*a*. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1897, page 432.

No. 166.—CANADA—BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Chatham Sound—Shoals in.

The Government of the Dominion of Canada has given notice, dated 21st January, 1905, of the existence of the following shoals in Chatham Sound:—

a. A shoal, with a depth of 3 fathoms over it, situated in a position from which Green Top Rock bears S. 54° E., distant 3 cables, and Coast Island summit N. 30° E.

Approximate position lat. 54° 11′ N., long. 130° 25′ W.

This shoal is one cable in extent and has depths of from 7 to 9 fathoms around it.

b. A shoal, with a depth of 1½ fathoms over it, situated in a position from which Holland Island bears N. 89° E., distant 4⅔ cables, and Coast Island summit N. 4° E. There is another shoal with a depth of 1½ fathoms over it, situated at a distance of 3 cables S. 75° W. from this shoal. These two shoals are each one cable in extent,