Alteration.—High Horn Buoy No. 14 has been replaced by a conical light-buoy, painted black, and marked No. 14, exhibiting a white occulting light.

Variation.—16° W.

Charts affected.—No. 108, The Wash; No. 1190, Blakeney to Flamborough Head.

Publications.—North Sea Pilot, Part III, 1905, pages 184, 185; Notice to Mariners No. 578 of 1907.

Authority.—Boston Harbour Trust, 29th February, 1908.

No. 354.—IRELAND—NORTH COAST, LOUGH SWILLY.

Rathmullan Anchorage--Mooring Buoy Withdrawn.

Particulars.—The mooring buoy in Ruthmullan Anchorage has been withdrawn.

Position.—2 cables S. 66° E. from the pierhead; lat. 55° $5\frac{3}{4}$ ' N., long. 7° $31\frac{1}{4}$ ' W.

Variation.-20° W.

Charts affected.—No. 3023, Buncrana and Rathmullan Anchorage; No. 2697, Lough Swilly.

Publication.—Irish Coast Pilot, 1902, page 504. Authority.—His Majesty's ship Shipjack Hydrographic Note, No. 3 of 1908.

No. 355.—MEDITERRANEAN—MALTA ISLAND.

Marsa Scirocco—Temporary Mooring Buoys in Approach.

Particulars.—Moorings for battle practice targets have been laid out in the approach to Marsa Scirocco as follows :—

Position.---1 $\frac{6}{10}$ miles S. 34° E. from Dellimara Lighthouse; lat. 35° 48' N., long. 14° 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ ' E.

Description.—Two mooring buoys six-tenths of a cable apart N. 34° W., and S. 34° E. from each other, and connected by a wire hawser.

Variation.—9° W.

Caution.—Vessels should on no account pass between the buoys.

Remarks.—The above buoys will remain in position for about one month.

Chart Temporarily Affected.—Malta Island, No. 2628.

Publication.—Mediterranean Pilot, Vol. I, 1904, page 424.

Authority.—Admiral Superintendeut, Malta, 22nd February, 1908.

No. 356.—BAY OF BENGAL—CHITTAGONG, RIVER APPROACH.

South Patches Shoa! Light-Vessel—Annually Replaced by Buoy.

Particulars.—South Patches Light-vessel will be replaced by a red conical buoy surmounted by staff and cage annually from the end of December to the middle of March.

Position,-Lat. 21° 29' N., long. 91° 36' E.

Remarks.—A note to this effect has been placed on the charts.

Charts affected.—No. 859, Mutlah River to Elephant Point; No. 829, Coconada to Bassein River.

Publications.—List of Lights, Part VI, 1908, No. 360*a*; Bay of Bengal Pilot, 1901, page 250; Notice to Mariners No. 1742 of 1907.

Authority. — "Investigator," Hydrographic Note, No. 1, 1908.

No. 357.-NORTH CHINA.

Wei Hai Wei, Western Entrance—Light Placed on Buoy.

Particulars.—A light of the following description has been placed on the undermentioned buoy in the western entrance to Wei Hai Wei.

Position.—About 4¹/₄ cables N. 81° W. from the flagstaff on Observatory Island; lat. 37° 30¹/₄' N., long. 122° 9' E.

Name.-No. 1 Red Buoy.

Character of light.-Green fixed.

Variation .-- 3° W.

Remarks.—The above light has to be lighted nightly by hand, and is therefore unreliable.

Charts affected.—No. 3025, Wei Hai Wei Anchorage; No. 2823, Wei Hai Wei, and approaches.

Publications.-China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1904, page 560; and Supplement, 1907.

Authority.--King's Harbour Master, Wei Hai Wei, 22nd January, 1908.

No. 358.-PORTUGAL-WEST COAST.

Cape St. Vincent Light—Alteration in Character of.

Particulars.—On 25th March, 1908, the following alteration will be made in the character of Cape St. Vincent Light :—

Position.-Lat. 37° 14' N., long. 8° 594' W.

Alteration.—The temporary white group flashing light, showing groups of three flashes every ten seconds, will be replaced by a white flashing light every five seconds.

Elevation.-238 feet.

Visibility.—22 miles.

Remarks.—The new light when first established must be considered as experimental. A temporary light of the 4th order and the same character has been placed on the south-western corner of the tower in readiness to replace the permanent light in case the latter does not work satisfactorily.

Charts affected.—No. 92, Oape St. Vincent to Gibraltar Strait; No. 87, Cape Finisterre to Cape St. Vincent; No. 1226, Strait of Gibraltar to River Gambia; No. 1, British Islands to Mediterranean Sea; No. 2060a, North Atlantic; No. 2058, North Atlantic.

Publications.—List of Lights, Part IV, 1908, No. 682; Sailing Directions for the West Coasts of France, &c., 1900, page 507; and Revised Supplement, 1907.

Authority,-Lisbon Notice, No. 3 of 1908,