

2. Southerly Gales.—A cone, point downwards, indicates that strong winds are probable from the southward or westward.

3. Very Heavy Gales.—A drum may be hoisted in addition to the cone, when a heavy gale, possibly reaching typhoon force, is probable, the cone indicating the direction from which it is approaching.

A gun, situated close to the mast, is fired whenever the drum is hoisted.

4. Night Signals.—By night, signals 1 and 2 only are given, by means of three lights (all white, or all some other colour) placed triangularly, the single light upwards for signal 1, and downwards for signal 2.

*This Notice affects the China Sea Directory, Vol. III, 1894, pages 78, 79.

No. 477.—NEW ZEALAND—SOUTH ISLAND.

Otago Harbour—Additional Harbour Lights.

THE Government of New Zealand has given notice, dated 10th June, 1897, that the under-mentioned additional harbour lights have been exhibited in Otago Harbour:—

1. A fixed white light, elevated 16 feet above high water, from a black triangular beacon, situated in a depth of 18 feet, off Deborah Bay.

Approximate position (doubtful), lat. $45^{\circ} 48\frac{1}{2}'$ S., long. $170^{\circ} 39\frac{1}{2}'$ E.

2. A fixed white light, elevated 16 feet above high water, from the western point of the south-eastern Halfway Island.

Approximate position, lat. $45^{\circ} 50'$ S., long. $170^{\circ} 39'$ E.

NOTE.—These lights should be left on the port hand by vessels entering from seaward.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Chart:—Otago Harbour, No. 2411. Also, List of Lights, Part VI, 1897, page 218; and New Zealand Pilot, 1891, pages 306, 307.

No. 478.—PATAGONIAN CHANNELS.

(1.) *Eden Harbour—Amended Position of Wreck.*

INFORMATION has been received from Commander M. H. Smyth, M.M. surveying vessel "Egeria," dated 6th July, 1897, that the wreck of the "Hermia" is lying partially submerged, with two masts standing, head to the eastward, in a position with William Point bearing N. 42° W., distant nine-tenths of a cable; and Pearse Point S. 76° W.

Approximate position, lat. $49^{\circ} 8' 10''$ S., long. $74^{\circ} 22' 40''$ W.

(2.) *Indian Reach—Buoy near Rock Northward of Harwood Island.*

Also with reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 398 of 1897:—

That the buoy (oil tin) near the rock northward of Harwood Island, was found to be moored in a position with the north extreme of Harwood Island bearing S. 50° W., distant nearly half a cable; and east extreme of Ollard Island N. 60° W.

Approximate position, lat. $49^{\circ} 6' 35''$ S., long. $74^{\circ} 22' 5''$ W.

NOTE.—It is probable that the Hermia Rock and the rock northward of Harwood Island are in the positions given above, but as no soundings were taken by the "Egeria" this cannot be definitely stated. The letters "P.D." have been placed on the chart against Hermia Rock.

[Variation 21° Easterly in 1897.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan:—English Narrows, &c., with Plan of Eden

Harbour, No. 85. Also, South America Pilot, Part II, 1895, page 257.

By command of their Lordships,

W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
16th August, 1897.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874," I, Sir Brydges Powell Henniker, Bart., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, ordered and declared that on and after the first day of September next Silverstone and Whittlebury Civil Parishes shall be re-transferred from Towcester Sub-District of Towcester Registration District to Abthorpe Sub-District of the same Registration District.—Witness my hand this 19th day of August, 1897.

Brydges P. Henniker, Registrar-General.
General Register Office,
Somerset House, London.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-first section of an Act passed in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "The Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874," I, Sir Brydges Powell Henniker, Bart., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, have, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, ordered and declared that on and after the 1st day of September next, (1) Conisbrough and Denaby Civil Parishes shall be transferred from Tickhill Sub-District of Doncaster Registration District to Barmbrough Sub-District of the same Registration District; and (2) Carr House and Elm Field Civil Parish shall be transferred from Tickhill Sub-District of Doncaster Registration District to Doncaster Sub-District of the same Registration District.—Witness my hand this 19th day of August, 1897.

Brydges P. Henniker, Registrar-General.
General Register Office,
Somerset House, London.

NOTICE is hereby given that a separate building named Wesleyan Methodist Chapel situated at Wolsey-road, Esher in the civil parish of Esher in the county of Surrey in the registration district of Kingston-on-Thames being a building certified according to law as a place of meeting for religious worship, was on the tenth day of August 1897, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. 4, c. 85.—Witness my hand this tenth day of August 1897.

JAS. EDGELL Superintendent Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that a separate building named Primitive Methodist Chapel situated at Talbot-street Batley in the civil parish of Batley in the county of York in the registration district of Dewsbury being a building certified according to law as a place of meeting for religious worship, was on the fourteenth day of August 1897, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. 4, c. 85.—Witness my hand this fourteenth day of August 1897.

THOS. J. AMIES Deputy-Superintendent Registrar.