

The first volume was issued in 1936, and the publication will be regularly continued. In the ephemerides of 1937 certain simplifications have been effected. For the parallax of the Moon another table has been provided in order to avoid the necessity for multiplying by the sine of the altitude.

These tables have been published at the request of the Air Ministry; we hope that civil aviation will also avail itself of these tables; the purchase of them in this connection has already begun.

I might add that it is preferable to make use of chronometers graduated in degrees and minutes. In order that these instruments may be easily read in spite of the agitations, one may employ the type known as the "guichet" (window or gas-meter type) in which the degrees appear in openings, or in large figures.

#### RECENT CHARTS.

Subsequent to the International Hydrographic Conference of 1932, the French *Service Hydrographique* adopted for its charts, on which the metre is used as unit, the system of representation of the isobaths recommended by that Conference. A certain number of charts have been prepared in accordance with this convention. Here is one that has just been completed (Chart N° 5818). Here is another now being engraved. The convention is readily understood by reference to the table on page 410 of the Report of Proceedings of the 1932 Hydrographic Conference.

