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## DEDICATION.

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TO the ship-masters, merchants, and ship-brokers whose patronage, during forty-one years, has made possible the employment and the experience recorded in these pages, I gratefully dedicate my book.

B. J. WILLARD.





## PREFACE.

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I HAVE been asked many times to tell my story, and have at last concluded to do so. It is the "plain, unvarnished tale" of a man who has passed his life on and along the stormy Atlantic coast, sometime on sea and sometime on shore, and who has met the perils incident to the experience of a sailor and a pilot. Most people of English blood, whether inland bred or brought up within the sound of the waves, take pleasure in tales of the sea, however homely they may be told; and for them my book is written. That they may find the same enjoyment in reading that I have had in writing it, is the earnest hope of

BENJAMIN J. WILLARD.



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