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TO
Our Little Friends and Pupils

WHO HAVE
UNCONSCIOUSLY AIDED US IN THE ADAPTATION OF
THIS STORY,
THIS VOLUME
IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED

Dr. Lindsey Williams May 1899.



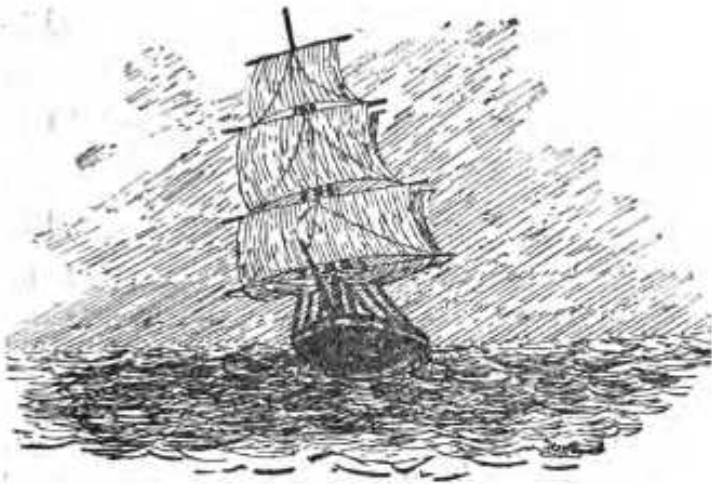
P R E F A C E.

This little book is the result of much experience in seeking to adapt the story of Robinson Crusoe to the literary attainments and educational needs of children in the primary schools. It is supposed to follow the study of the "Classic Stories for Little Ones" and to precede the study of the "Pioneer History Stories," which recount the stirring events in the lives of those heroes who first broke ground for our American civilization in the Mississippi Valley. Crusoe is the transition from myths and fairy tales, where the imagination is untrammelled by the "practical," to the study of real biography. Those events in DeFoe's story that are of doubtful educational value are omitted; but it is believed that the child's interest in the narrative is not impaired thereby. The language is that of children, and Robinson seems to be telling his story to them. It will prove to be valuable sup-

plementary reading for classes in the second and third grades.

The Appendix in the Teachers' and Mothers Edition of this story, prepared by Dr. Frank McMurry and Dr. C. C. Van Liew, will be studied with interest and profit by those for whom it was written. The former shows the educational value of the story, and the latter presents a method of teaching it to children in the second and third grades. The authors hereby acknowledge their obligations to them for their able assistance in the preparation of this edition.

THE AUTHORS.



I.

ROBINSON CRUSOE AT HOME.

When I was a little boy, I lived in a great city by the sea, with my father and mother. They were very kind to me and loved me dearly. They wished me to go to school and learn a great deal, so that I might some day be a useful man.

But I was lazy, and liked better to play by the river than to study. I often sat

hour after hour watching the great ships loading and unloading their cargoes, and as they sailed away I wished I might go with them.

My father had told me that the ships came from lands where the men did not look like those I knew, and the plants and animals were very different from any I had seen.

He expected me to become a merchant, but I could think of nothing but the ships, and I often ran away from my work to watch them.

When I was sixteen years old, father said to me one day: "Robinson, I wish you to be a merchant. If you attend to your work, you shall some day take charge of my business; but if you are lazy, no one will care for you and you will not be able to care for yourself." He talked to me a long time about my bad habits.

I thought of what he had said and made up my mind to work hard. But it was not