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A RAZORBILL GREETING THE MORNING SUN.

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DEDICATED TO
MY GREATEST COMPANION
AND FRIEND

PREFACE

In the following pages I have attempted to portray some of the charm and the varying moods of the Hebridean coasts.

In the chapters the reader will find something about the wild life of that country, and I have also endeavoured to describe a little of the people and their traditions.

For the first two years of the war I was stationed on the Island of Mull, and in my duties of coast-watching there and on the surrounding islands had exceptional opportunities of seeing the country and of getting to know its inhabitants, for my work took me constantly to the most out-of-the-way places.

I can honestly say that I have never met with people possessing more charm and hospitality than those dwellers of the Inner Hebrides.

The Highland crofter or fisherman is almost always one of Nature's gentlemen, and is full of an altogether exceptional consideration and kindness towards the stranger. In many of the coast-watchers I found firm and loyal friends, and consider that I was very fortunate in having such people to work with.

Since the war I have revisited the Hebridean Islands, studying and photographing the birds and renewing old friendships.

Certain of the chapters of the book, as "The Mail-Boat," "Ardnamurchan," "The Big Glen," "Skerryvore," and others, describe some of my experiences as Admiralty Patrol