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TO THE MOST NOBLE
MARQUIS OF NORTHAMPTON
MY FRIEND
IN ADMIRATION OF HIS COMMONSENSE CHRISTIANITY
THIS LITTLE BOOK
IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED
BY FRANK T. BULLEN

PREFACE

IT may be objected by many who read these lines, that there is a great deal too much of the Ego in them. If so, I can assure the objectors that I sympathise with them deeply. That is my feeling exactly. Yet, when you come to think of it, apart from the fact that I was requested to put my experiences of religious life at sea in this personal form, there really seems to have been no help for it, unless I had set up a fictitious personage and given him my real experiences. This would have been pleasanter for me, no doubt; would have saved me from many sarcastic remarks, &c. ; but it would, I fear, have defeated the object for which I was asked to write.

I confess I am hopeful about the future of this little book, more so than the circumstances would warrant perhaps, certainly much more so than I have ever been before with my other works. And for this reason. Works of religious fiction abound ;

they are popular, in many instances deservedly so ; but—they are felt to be fiction, and are not accepted as real pictures of everyday life. In this regard, I have tried, with what ability and experience I have been able to gather, to give a plain real picture of religious life at sea. I feel deeply that my picture is imperfect, very imperfect ; for who can turn his own heart inside out for his fellow-men's inspection without being suspected of posing, insincerity, or some such striving after effect, much less rightly appraise the motives and actions of his shipmates ?

But one can at least try to be simple, truthful, and direct ; one can refuse to be ashamed to own himself a friend of Jesus Christ, or to avow himself a firm believer in the efficacy of prayer for amelioration of all the ills of life.

Lastly, it will be noticed that names and dates are given most sparingly, grudgingly. The reason for this is, I think, obvious. I do not fear libel actions, but I do dread giving unnecessary pain.

F. T. B.

MALTA : *September 1900.*

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