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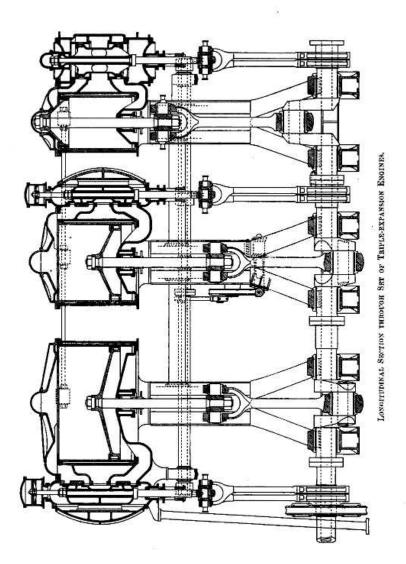
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PREFACE

This book has been prepared from my lecture notes, and represents, in an abbreviated form, a considerable part of the course of instruction for Executive Officers at the Royal Naval College. It is intended for Naval Officers, and for Students of Engineering in the earlier part of their training; it is hoped it may also prove useful to Officers of the Mercantile Marine and others desirous of obtaining some knowledge of the propelling machinery of ships, and of various matters connected with its use and management. The special aim of the book is to give a sound general knowledge of the subject, with as much detail as appears to be necessary for the end in view, in as brief and simple a manner as possible. The subject is a large one, and in order to keep the matter within a small compass it has necessarily been much condensed; this is especially the case in the parts dealing with principles, which I would have much preferred to write with greater fulness. What is given, however, is the result of careful consideration; and I hope the brevity of the statements made may not prevent them from being sufficiently clear to be easily understood.

The illustrations are, in part, reproductions of lecture diagrams, but are principally from drawings specially made for the book. The design has been to secure clearness of illustration in regard to the principal features rather than completeness of detail, and in some cases simple elementary sketches have been preferred to, or have been given with, the more detailed drawings. The illustration of the Yarrow water-tube boiler, Fig. 17, has been reproduced, on a reduced scale, from Engineering, vol. li. p. 79; I am indebted to the courtesy of the Editor of that journal for permission to insert it. I am similarly indebted to the firm of Messrs. Maudslay, Sons, and Field for permission to reproduce the drawing of the Belleville boiler, given on p. 31, from their pamphlet on the subject; and to Messrs. Thornycroft and Co. for a photograph from which the drawing of the Thornycroft boiler, reproduced on p. 28, was made.

I have availed myself of the information published in papers read before the Institution of Naval Architects and other societies, especially those read by professional Officers of the Admiralty.

As one of Professor Cotterill's old pupils, I take this opportunity of acknowledging my indebtedness to him.

I wish, further, to acknowledge my obligation to my colleague, Mr. C. W. J. Bearblock, R.N., for much kind assistance, especially in regard to the drawings.

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