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GENERAL PREFACE

THE books in this Series deal with the industrial and commercial condition of our country. Of the importance of the subject there can be no doubt, for it is the story of the material side of the life of a great nation. British agriculture is the most enterprising in the world; British manufactures, both textile and hardware, are famed in all parts of the globe; British ships are on every sea and carry for other nations as well as for ourselves; and Britain, through the Banks and Exchanges of London, is the centre of the money market of the world.

It has been well said that material needs cannot be neglected or forgotten with impunity in this world. Just as a man must have bread to eat if he wishes to enjoy life, so a nation needs material prosperity if it is to be of real influence in the world. Industrial and commercial prosperity does not, in itself, constitute greatness, but it is a condition without which national greatness is impossible. Hence, the story of the industrial and commercial condition of Britain is worth telling to our school children, not only that they may rejoice in our country's progress, but, also, that they may realise the responsibilities borne by the citizens of the first of all nations.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

THIS first book of this Series deals with Ships, Shipping and Fishing, and should be popular in all our schools, more especially those round our coasts. It traces the development of man's ingenuity from the early dug-out boat to the launching of the *Aquitania*, and it gives a succinct account of the work of the Royal Navy and the Dockyards. The Fishing Industry and Fishing Ports are specially considered, and such well-known institutions as Trinity House and "Lloyd's" are described. Lighthouses and Lightships, their construction, distribution, and value to the shipping industry are explained; and our great Seaports and their industries, together with the past and present condition of the Cinque Ports are treated in the last chapters.

Teachers and students who wish to study in greater detail any part of the Industrial and Commercial History are advised to use Dr Cunningham's *Growth of English Industry and Commerce*, published by the Cambridge University Press. There they will find full and accurate references to a large number of authorities on all branches of this subject.

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