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PREFACE.

The need of a reliable pocket manual, as a book of reference, for the convenience of those whose business is closely connected with the navigation of Lake Ontario, has long been felt. Maps and charts are easy to be obtained, but we are not aware that there is in existence a single work upon the subject, of sufficient dimension to be carried upon the person. The object of this little work, is to supply this long felt need. Should the mariner be in doubt as to a particular point on the lake, he need not go through a labyrinth of documents to establish the correctness of the matter in question, but has only to take his bearing from the "Pocket Compass," and in an instant the point is settled.

The aim of the author has been to furnish all the necessary general information, pertaining to the navigation of Lake Ontario, which is absolutely required, in the smallest possible space. The labor of producing such a work can scarcely be estimated, nor has the present edition proved any exception to the general rule. Patience and persevering effort, however, has resulted in the production of the work, and the flattering reception given to the project even while in its infancy, leads us to look for a continuation of the same, now that it is complete. At an early day it is the intention of the author to reproduce the same with additional features, such as plans of the various har-