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My friend W. M. Smith - I thought the recorded
experience of thy late Venerable Father
might be so valuable to my nephew William
G. Warrington - who beginning maritime
life several years ago as a "land man" on
board of a whaling ship, & having by good
conduct & devotion to duty passed thro the
several stages of 1st raw hand, able sea
man, 2nd Mate & 1st Mate on board of Sail
ships, & for some time past thro the different
degrees of 3rd Mate 2nd Mate & for 2 or more years
past 1st Officer on board the Steam Ship
Illinois, of the American Line from New York
to Liverpool, that I used the freedom to
ask if he could not have a volume
of the life of Capt John Whitall, in his
Ship Library, for perusal at least or in

part. — Thy kind answer just
rec^d to my note of enquiry, leads
me to suggest, that thy present
of the Volume to him, be accompani-
ed by an autograph note from thy-
self, containing any sentiment of
advice & encouragement, as suggests
to thy own mind or as thou thinks thy
father would communicate if he
were the living donor, paste this
secretly on the inside of the Cover
that it may be the constant com-
panion of the printed page — My
Nephew is now we hope nearing the Liv-
erpool end of his trip & will not be
in this part again for perhaps 20 days
but, his amiable wife would much
like to read it in his absence, & if thou
thinks well to cover the book with an
envelope inscribed William H. or Susan
M. Warrington, my grandson Grace
Stokes or wife of my father for call & notify
for it — Thanking thee for thy kindness —