

### PHAROS

#### The Lighthouse Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

by Kenneth Sutton-Jones

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273 pages, illustrated  
with black-and-white photographs,  
drawings, and maps.  
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Kenneth Sutton-Jones is eminently qualified to write the comprehensive overview suggested by the title. For him, lighthouses, lightships, and other aids to navigation have been a worldwide, lifetime career with Chance Brothers Limited, Stone Chance Limited, and presently as Vice Chairman of AB Pharos Marine Limited, all companies whose business is pharology.

The author gives a short history of ancient lighthouses and moves on to describe the construction of some of the great wave-swept lights, Eddystone and Skerryvore in Great Britain, Horsburgh in Singapore, Alguada Reef in Burma, and Little Basses in Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, among others. He then describes the evolution of wave-swept lights from these classics to the telescoping caissons developed in Sweden and the frame towers in the United States. Nor are lightships and lighthouses on cliff and strand ignored.

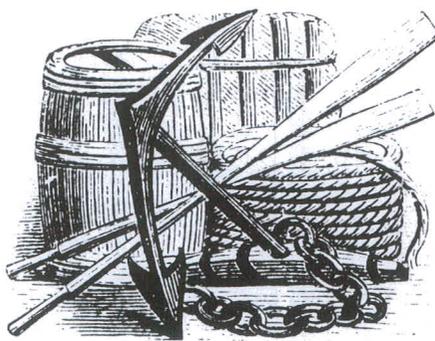
Other chapters go into the history and development of lenses and light-

ing apparatus, fog signals, the effect of radar, equipment and power supplies, and the use of channel and harbor markers. Those interested in the future of lighthouses will particularly enjoy the chapters on the keeper's life and how technology not only replaced the wickies but may well replace lighthouses and lightships. The information on the building of lighting apparatus by the Chance companies is particularly fascinating, coming as it does from the first-hand experience of the author.

The illustrations are generous, showing all aspects of pharology including lighthouses whose existence in far parts of the world are little known outside professional circles.

For those with a consuming interest in pharology, as well as for those wishing to learn about lighthouses and lightships, this well-written volume is a must and an easy read. The book should hold particular interest to American readers as it is written from a worldwide viewpoint with lots of information on lighthouses and lightships in faraway places.

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### ONE FOGGY NIGHT

One foggy night at sea the captain of a ship saw what looked like the lights of another ship heading toward him. He had his signalman contact the other ship by light. The message was: "Change your course ten degrees to the south."

The reply came back: "Change your course ten degrees to the north."

Then the captain answered, "I am a captain, so you change your course ten degrees to the south."



Reply: "I am a seaman first class—change your course ten degrees to the north."

This last exchange really infuriated the captain, so he signaled back: "I am a battleship—change your course ten degrees to the south."

Reply: "And I am a lighthouse. Change your course ten degrees to the north!"

