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ADMIRAL'S FAREWELL.

CEREMONY AT CHATHAM.

Picture:- Rear-Admiral Davenport, after 38-years in his--  
--Majesty's Navy, hauls down his flag, but--  
--only because the gallant Admiral has completed--  
--his Service, and enters upon a well-earned retirement.  
For the last two--  
--years, he has been Commodore of the Royal--  
--Naval Barracks, Chatham. This imposing parade is rather  
like the--  
--sight one sees here during--  
--Navy Week. Admiral Davenport addresses the men for  
the last--  
--time, prior to taking their final salute on the--  
--march-past. Admiral Davenport came to Chatham on his  
relinquishing flag-captaincy of 'QueenElizabeth', flag-  
ship of the Mediterranean --  
--Fleet. But he has held many--  
--other onerous posts during his distinguished career.  
On this day the Admiral said "I should--  
--be sorry if it was the last occasion on which I should  
appear--  
--on active service. The Navy is a damned fine career"--  
--he added. And may R.E. Jeffrey say that I think every  
man jack of the Navy deserves a d - - arned fine career.