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OFF TO THE ANTARCTIC.

"DISCOVERY II" LEAVES.

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Picture.:- The Royal Research ship 'Discovery II' prepares to leave the Thames for her fourth Antarctic expedition, commanded by Lieutenant Hill,

Royal Naval Reserve. Her crew of fifty will be away amongst the snow and ice for twenty months. The scientific work of the voyage is chiefly concerned with acquiring greater knowledge of how the Antarctic seas are doing with whales. A member of the crew stands by with a mallet to hit the first man who says it's a 'whale' of a job !

So I refrain ! A great send-off is given the ship as she moves away. She will call at Australia, New Zealand, and the Falkland Islands.

Her farthest South work will be carried out in perpetual daylight. Bon voyage, and a safe return !