At Hongkong, in December 1874, Captain Nares and Lieutenant Aldrich left to proceed on the Polar Expedition, and were succeeded by Captain F. T. Thomson and Lieutenant A. Carpenter. Mr. Westford the carpenter left and was succeeded by Mr. Higham.

On the voyage to Tahiti, Dr. R. von Willemoes Suhm died after a short illness from erysipelas, and at Valparaiso Sub-Lieutenants Lord G. G. Campbell and A. F. Balfour left the ship on promotion.

