

also a gramophone and a complete printing-press ; and even hockey-sticks and a football were not forgotten.

## CHAPTER IV

## THE STAFF AND THE ROYAL VISIT

It was no easy matter for me to select the staff from the large number (over 400) of applicants who wished to join the expedition.

After much consideration I selected eleven men for the shore-party, only three of whom—Adams, Wild and Joyce—had been known to me previously, while only Wild and Joyce, having been members of the *Discovery* expedition, had previous experience of polar work. Every man, however, was highly recommended, and this was also the case with the officers whom I chose for the *Nimrod*. Before leaving New Zealand I was able to increase the number of the expedition, which ultimately consisted of :

## THE SHORE-PARTY

ERNEST H. SHACKLETON, Commander.

PROFESSOR T. W. EDGEWORTH DAVID, F.R.S., Director of the scientific staff.

LIEUTENANT J. B. ADAMS, R.N.R., Meteorologist.

SIR PHILIP BROCKLEHURST, BART., Assistant geologist.

BERNARD DAY, Motor expert.

ERNEST JOYCE, in charge of dogs, sledges, &c.

DR. A. F. MACKAY, Surgeon.

DOUGLAS MAWSON, D.Sc., B.E., Physicist.

BERTRAM ARMYTAGE, in charge of ponies.

DR. E. MARSHALL, Surgeon, cartographer.

G. E. MARSTON, Artist.