

records, when the wind suits. Each balloon will contain a copy of the records sent in the former balloons, so that, should one be lost the chain would not be broken.

Once in the ice every preparation would be made for the winter.

In the second spring and summer two different routes would be made, one in the north-east direction, the other in the south-west direction, with stations at different places, so that it would be possible to keep in communication with the ship with wireless telegraphy, and gun-signals when the weather would permit. The route would be staffed; the staffs would be hollow and part of them filled with condensed provisions, each bearing a number and a record, so that the passage of each party could be recorded. At the fifty mile station soundings and weather records would be



Planting our flag on the Pole.

taken at intervals, and other observations made. When in the neighbourhood of the Pole the northerly route would be extended to one or two more stations, as might be thought requisite, always