

The employees of Messrs. Hardy Bros., Ltd , had their annual outing recently, the rendezvous this year being the Scottish capital — "Auld Reekie." Leaving Alnwick betwean eight and nine o'clock, after a pleasant journey Edinburgh was reached about midday. On leaving the station the large , party at once made for Fairley's in Leith-street, where an excellent and sub-.tantial dinner was awaiting them. Needle'ss to say, ample justice was done to it. Dinner over, on the call of the se^ratory, Mr. A. McCutcheon proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Hardy Bros., Ltd , for their generous donation to the fund of the picnic, which was carried with acclamation. Mr. A. Broadley moved a cordial vote of thanks to the hon. sec. (Mr. W. H. Dingley), who thanlicd the company, and said his efforts had been ably seconded by the co-nmittee. The payty then adjourned to visit the various places of interest, including the Castle, Forth Bridge. Museum. Picture Gallery, etc. The band and pipers of the Seaforth Highlanders, play- ing in West Prince's-street Gardens, proved a stroni? attraction. Between four and five o'clock the rain c ime down pretty heavily, and it may be mmitioned that of all the picnics that have taken place this was the first occasion on which there has been £my rain. The time for returning arrived aU too soon, and Alnwick was reached about eleven o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The com- mittee who were "responsible for the arrangements were Messrs. T. Campbell, T. Gillan. A. Broadley, A. McCutcheon, J. B. Robson, and W. Jobson, with W. H. Dingley as hon. sec.