

The employees of Messrs. Hardy Bros., Ltd , had their annual outing recently, the rendezvous this year being the Scottish capital — "Auld Reekie." Leaving Alnwick between 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 substantial dinner was awaiting them. Needless to say, ample justice was done to it. Dinner over, on the call of the secretary, 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 thanked the company, and said his efforts had been ably seconded by the committee. The party 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, playing in West Prince's-street Gardens, proved a strong attraction. Between four and five o'clock the rain came down pretty heavily, and it may be mentioned that of all the picnics that have taken place this was the first occasion on which there has been any rain. The time for returning arrived a little too soon, and Alnwick was reached about eleven o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The committee 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.