

PICNIC AT BRIDGEWATER.

An exhibition of kindly feeling existing between employers and employes took place on the grounds adjacent to the dam recently con-

structed by the Hon. John Dunn, M.L.C., at Bridgewater. The dam is a beautiful sheet of water with its pretty surroundings, the locality forms a most suitable place for picnic gatherings. As is widely known, Messrs. Dunn & Co. carry on an extensive business. The firm is represented by mills or stores at Adelaide, Port Adelaide, Bridgewater, Mount Barker, and Nairne. Wishing to show their appreciation of the services rendered by their employes, Messrs. Dunn & Co. invited them with their wives and families to an outdoor gathering, choosing Bridgewater, as being the most central and otherwise desirable spot for the occasion. About half-past 10 o'clock in the morning Messrs. Champion & Pope's vans arrived from Nairne and Mount Barker. The firm's van arrived soon after from Adelaide with four of Hill

and Co.'s coaches from the Port, Mr. John Hill himself driving the first of the latter coaches. The Stirling Keat Drum and Fife Band was in attendance, and having played several lively airs at the mill, led the way to the scene of festivities, which was on the western side of the dam, where abundant provision had been made to supply the wants of young and old. On the dam was a pair-oared boat, and many who had never seen such a thing in their lives were gratified with not only the sight, but the privilege of being rowed up and down the stream. The skiff was kept on the move throughout the day until late in the evening. The weather was very hazy at times, but not so as to prevent the visitors from enjoying themselves. About 12 o'clock the Hon. John Dunn called upon the party to muster on the green sward, bags being provided to prevent harm arising from the dampness of the ground. Sandwiches, meat pies, and choice dainties were dealt out until all expressed themselves satisfied. The picnickers, numbering about 300, then distributed themselves. Some went to the wild dogs' cave, others had a throw at Aunt Sally, others again inspected the mill, and those who believed in the manly game of cricket spent a couple of hours in that healthy exercise. About 4 o'clock the steam in the boilers was well up for tea-making, but the rain descended so pitilessly that it was thought well to adjourn to the mill, and have tea there. The many willing hands soon had the boilers transplanted from the dam to the engine-shed, and the first storey of the Mill was quickly filled with happy countenances. In the second storey a brisk game of football was played, and the band taking up their position in the first storey, assisted to enliven the proceedings. As intimated by the Hon. Jno. Dunn in the morning, no intoxicating drink was introduced into the festivities. For that occasion, the hon. gentleman

ties. For that occasion, the hon. gentleman said, the pioniere must be teetotalers. Soon a'ter 5 o'clock the coaches were again loaded with their living freight, and when all was ready for a start, Mr. Hussey—one of the clerks of the firm in Adelaide—made a few suitable remarks relative to the kindness of the firm, concluding by calling upon all to give three hearty cheers for them and three more for those who had been actively engaged in making the picnic a success. Three cheers were given in real English style. The band then played the National Anthem and the various vehicles moved off amidst tremendous cheering. In addition to the Hon. J. Dunn, there were present Messrs. Jno. Dunn, jun., Wm. Dunn, Wm. Hill, and Shorney.