

HALL AND FAREWELL.

MANCHESTERS AT SOUTHAMPTON.

Picture:- Seven-hundred soldiers of the Manchester Regiment arrive at Southampton after two years in Bermuda, and they have got six hours to see wives, families, or sweethearts, before sailing again for Egypt. I don't see how they can make the best of it. Well, two's company, and three's none. Father kisses his son for the first time.

Another sees the twins, and the next - -
- - ah ! The regiment's dog takes a look. Well, the soldier's motto is "Carry On". Mother brings a birthday cake, and it's eaten at a party - - and what a party ! Fifteen-hundred sitting down to eat, and the War Office pays. And so they

ought ! A furlough like this is as annoying as showing a small

boy an orchard, and telling him he mustn't touch fruit. And all these waving people trying to smile as if it

doesn't matter, are parting for another two years. Two years !
Too bad !