

Spring Mill Weaving Shed Engine Christening

It is gratifying to chronicle another development in the manufacturing industry and commercial enterprise of some of the people of Earby who have within the last few years started in the line of business. For some length of time Messrs. Bailey, Watson and Berry have rented room and power from Mr. William Gill at the Grove Shed, but during the past year they have built a new weaving shed in a higher part of Earby, capable of holding 460 looms, for the manufacture of coloured goods, and they have also built commodious rooms for preparatory work, warehousing etc. The architect was Mr. W.H. Atkinson of Colne, and the following were various contractors :-

Masons work	Messrs. Cowgill and Wilkinson - Earby
Joiners work	Mr. Charles Watson - Earby
Slating	Mr. William Stanworth - Burnley
Plastering	Messrs. Heap and Thornton - Barnoldswick
Concrete Work	Nuttall - Barnoldswick
Glazier	Varley and Sons - Colne
Steam Heating	Brooks - Crosshills
Engine	Burnley Iron Works

On Saturday afternoon the ceremony of christening the engine was commenced by Thomas Bailey who made a few remarks suited to the occasion and concluded by calling upon his daughter Miss Jane Alice Bailey to christen the engine which she named Alice Ann. After the ceremony all the work people to the number of 200 or more were provided with an excellent knife and fork tea served in the new warehouse. The following ladies presided at the tables :-

Mrs. W.M. Berry
Miss. Jane Watson
Mrs. Charles Watson
Mrs. C.W. Bailey
Miss J.A. Bailey.

After tea a social evening was spent over which Mr. W.H. Atkinson of Colne presided. The programme included songs by :-

Mrs. Heaton
Miss C. Brown
Miss A. Brown
Miss Tattersall
Messrs. Joseph Foulds
J. Turner
and W. Turner

Mr. John Rediough gave a recitation. Mr. W.N. Berry was the pianoforte accompanist and the Earby Brass Band played for the dancing. The entertainment proved very enjoyable. A number of new looms are already in the shed and Messrs Bailey are engaged in removing their looms and other machinery to their new premises and the place they are vacating is to be filled with looms by Messrs Hartley.

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Prospects of Trade

The recently constructed weaving shed which has been taken over by Messrs Bailey, Watson and Berry, recently of Grove Mill Weaving Shed, is now in full working order. The class of goods that will be manufactured here will be checks.

In consequence of the strike which is now going on in Keighley some time will elapse before the place can be filled with looms. The Grove Shed which has been taken by Messrs Hartley and Co. is being filled with plain looms by Mr. W.B. White of Colne.

The capacity of the former shed is about 400 looms and the latter 300. The Erection of dwelling houses to meet the requirements of the workers is proceeding apace.

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