

Across the Years

Christmas Incidents Half a Century Ago

The following extracts are from the files of the "Craven Herald" for Saturday December 31st 1887.

The children of the mixed department of the Wesleyan School gave excellent entertainment last week, and needle work prizes were presented to the successful scholars by Miss. Baldwin.

The Christmas festival organised by the members of Earby Wesleyan Church, was held in the school room on Saturday. In the afternoon a tea party was held, while in the evening a meeting was held, and Mr.J. Duxbury, of Paythorne, occupied the chair.

The following are extracts from the files of the "Craven Herald" for Friday January 3rd 1912.

Keen disappointment was felt on Saturday when it became known that the replay match between Earby Amateurs and Barnoldswick Saint Thomas's could not be played. The Earby team were on the field and hundreds of spectators were present to witness the game. After about half an hours' wait it was stated that the Saints were unable to raise a team.

The Christmas tea party in connection with the Earby United Methodist Church was held on Saturday afternoon. In the evening a concert was sustained, presided over by the Rev.T. Thompson, when Mrs. Thompson presented the Sunday School children with prizes for regular attendance.

At a meeting of the Earby Wesley Guild on Saturday evening, an educational group of papers was read by Mr.J.W. Knight and Mr.E. Pawson. The Rev.Mr. Dalzell presided, and Mrs. Dalzell read Christmas poems to a moderately large attendance.

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