

ADDRESS BY SAMUEL LEASK

AT THE DEDICATION OF THE BEN LOMOND
LIBRARY BUILDING.

(Abridged.)

It gives me great pleasure to be here today and to congratulate you on the opening of this attractive, convenient and homelike building. Those thru whose efforts it has been secured for the use of the people of Ben Lomond and neighborhood are entitled to the gratitude and appreciation of every citizen who has the welfare of the community at heart. Unselfish devotion to the public good is rare enough to call forth a feeling of special satisfaction that here at any rate it is not a case of every one for himself. The energetic and public spirited men and women who have planned and carried out this work will receive their reward in the consciousness of a new spirit of co-operation in the community. This building will become a center of community life, and will tend to bring people together on common ground. Under wise and tactful management it should attract all sorts and conditions of men, women, and children. Its highest usefulness will be impaired if it is ever allowed to become identified with any special class or faction of the people. It should be everybody's place, and I am sure under its present management everybody will be welcome to all the advantages it has to offer. But the right feeling in this connection can not be maintained without great care and a conscious purpose to attract those who most need what this library has to offer. The reply of the little boy to his mother should be always present in the minds of the management. Johnnie's mother ordered him not to play any more with Tommy, on the ground that Tommy was not a good little boy for him to play with. Johnnie thought the matter over for a moment and finally asked, "Mother, do you think I am a good little boy for Tommy to play with?" This shows that there are two sides to the question, and that the influence for good of Johnnie or Tommy is just as much entitled to consideration as the influence for evil of Tommy or Johnnie. And this thought should be, and I am sure will be, in the minds of those in charge of this library. The building will undoubtedly serve a purpose as a meeting place for people of education and refinement, but if it fails to reach also those who need to be educated and refined, it will to that extent fall short of complete success.

university." Books are not only sources of knowledge, but also "comforters in sorrow, nurses in sickness, companions in solitude, the old friends who are never seen with new faces, who are the same in wealth and in poverty, in glory and in obscurity." Sir John Lubbock has told us how "we may make a library if we do but rightly use it—a true paradise on earth, a Garden of Eden without its one drawback; for all is open to us, including the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, for which we are told that our first mother sacrificed all the pleasures of Paradise. Here we may read the most important histories, the most exciting volumes of travels and adventures, the most interesting stories, the most beautiful poems; we may meet the most eminent statesmen, poets and philosophers, benefit by the ideas of the greatest thinkers and enjoy the grandest creations of human genius."

It is doubtful if there ever was a time when the tendency toward change in every department of life was as marked as it is at present.

The farmer, the fruit grower, the poultry or stock raiser, the mechanic, the housewife can all be supplied with books on the various phases of their work which will inform and suggest and stimulate. The work of training and guiding the young has been treated by able writers in hundreds of volumes. The great problems of the new education, with which earnest and progressive educators are everywhere struggling, is discussed in many works of great interest, and if your children are to be fully equipped to hold their own in the competitive struggle for a living it behooves you to find out what training children in other places are receiving, and take steps to secure the best possible school advantages for the children of Ben Lomond. The movement to make the work of the school a more thorough preparation for life, and to impose upon the state the responsibility of fitting boys and girls for industry, is one of the most important of recent years. How this can be done, if it can be done at all, and how vocational training can be adapted to the needs of small communities, must be a subject of special interest to a community like this, and the results of all the thinking and investigation and experiment on this question is available to you at any

This library is a link in the great chain of libraries, which will soon reach to every settlement in California.

There are in Santa Cruz county at the present time five public libraries, located at Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Boulder Creek, Soquel, and Ben Lomond. Those at Santa Cruz, Watsonville and Boulder Creek are supported exclusively from city funds; those at Soquel and Ben Lomond by the county appropriation.

In California the public library is recognized as one of the great educational agencies of the state. By the help of the books and magazines freely offered, information on any subject of human interest may be readily obtained by any person in the community. We are recognizing now that when school life ends, real education is only beginning. In the school of experience we need help and inspiration not less, but more than in schools for the instruction of children. And within the covers of the thousands of books placed at your disposal through affiliation with the state library system is stored knowledge, wisdom and stimulating thought from which every citizen can derive untold benefit in moral development and increased efficiency. The colleges and universities are no longer the sole sources and repositories of knowledge and wisdom. Those in search of knowledge are no longer compelled to rely exclusively on these institutions for what they seek, for as Thomas Carlyle wisely said, "a collection of books is a real

time and will be freely furnished on demand.

For after all, is it not true that our most worthy efforts are those expended in order to give the young better care and a better chance in life than has been possible for most of us? With this thought in mind, I will close by quoting a passage from a book by H. G. Wells, who has said what is in my mind better than I could ever hope to say it:

"We must if we would be men makers, as the first and immediate part of the business, correct and finish ourselves. The good new republican, the citizen of the ideal republic of the future, must needs ask and ask repeatedly, What have I done and what am I doing with myself while I tamper with the lives of others? He will seek perpetually to gauge his quality, he will watch to see himself the master of his habits and of his powers; he will take his brain, blood, body, and lineage as a trust to be administered for the world. Every day and every week he must set aside time to read and to think; to commune with others and himself; he must be as jealous of his health and strength as the Levites of old. Can we in this generation make but a few thousands of such men and women, men and women who are not afraid to live, men and women with a common faith and a common understanding, then, indeed, our work will be done. They and those who follow them will in their own time take this work as a sculptor takes his marble and shape it better than all our dreams."

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- 3:30 p. m.—Daily—Davenport and Swanton.
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- 8:00 a. m.—Daily except Sunday and certain holidays. Rural routes Nos. 1 and 2 leave the office at 8

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- 11:40 a. m.—Daily—Points between San Jose and Watsonville Junction. San Jose daily papers.
- 12:35 p. m.—Daily—San Francisco, Oakland and way stations via West San Jose, northern, valley and all way points.
- 1:35 p. m.—Daily—Watsonville and way stations, north and south of Watsonville Junction.
- 5:50 p. m.—Daily—Eastern mail.
- 5:50 p. m.—Daily except Sunday—San Francisco, Los Angeles, Watsonville and way stations.
- 6:00 p. m.—Daily—Davenport and Swanton.
- 6:55 p. m.—Daily except Sunday—San Francisco, Los Angeles, Los Gatos, Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Ben Lomond and all way stations.
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