

PUBLIC LIBRARY AT BEN LOMOND

Dedicated With Appropriate Exercises and Much Popular Enthusiasm---A Credit to the Town.

AN AFTERNOON, or more correctly speaking, a day, of unusual interest and pleasure was enjoyed by the friends who accepted the invitation of the Ben Lomond Improvement Club to be present at the dedication of the new library and club house at Ben Lomond, Saturday, Jan. 10.

A committee headed by B. Dickinson and E. Brooks met the trains and escorted the visitors to the library, a beautiful shingled building, 28x42, on the bank of the San Lorenzo river. This building is divided into two rooms, separated by sliding doors, the smaller room being used as the library and the larger one as a reading and club room, one side of the latter being mainly taken up with an immense fireplace, the envy of all the visitors. Blazing logs gave a warmth and cheer very inviting on this cool, crisp day (and here let me whisper something to you, the logs needed andirons to hold them in place. What a gracious New Year's gift! Perhaps there are some just waiting to be sent to the new library).

Window seats at either end of the fireplace form cozy corners for rest or reading. Comfortable chairs are in abundance. Small tables are scattered about the reading room and well supplied with magazines and papers.

Mrs. Cox, the librarian, tells us there are 948 books in the library, all excepting 40 having been donated. Other donations have been promised. The building is well lighted and altogether a close approach to perfection.

The frontage (this building has two) facing Main street has a porch 16x16 with rustic seats. The frontage facing the San Lorenzo is adorned by a rustic pergola 12x24, and from here the view is magnificent. The river right at ones feet with the heavily wooded mountain rising seemingly straight up from the opposite bank of the river, is a picture that can not be described; grand old oaks spreading their branches far out in every direction, alder, pine, madrone, manzanita, the black cottonwood with its now bare and silvery white branches twisted into so many fantastic shapes, standing out so clearly in the sunlight against a background of redwoods, and the undergrowth of ferns of every description makes a great

picture that the nature lover must see to appreciate.

The park surrounding the library consists of between two and three acres of ground that is to be left in its natural beauty, tables and benches places under the trees and hammocks swing. A fountain, already donated, will grace one of the rustic pergolas, swings and teeter boards for the little folks, and a lawn tennis court are now features of the park.

Luncheon was served at the Dickinson. To those who have enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson no other mention is necessary. To those who have not, you have missed much. We are sorry for you. Better get acquainted without further delay.

Dedication Program.

Song, "California," by pupils of the grammar school, Mrs. Lulu Hawes, teacher.

Address of welcome, Elisha Brook.

Song, Prof. Browne and three sons, Boulder Creek.

Address, S. Leask, Santa Cruz.

Song, "The Browne Boys."

Address, Prof. Browne, full of enthusiasm and good words for the work accomplished and the spirit in which every one had entered into the work, giving money, time and thought.

Remarks by W. S. Rodgers and J. G. Wright. Mr. Wright, who is past 80 years of age, took exception to the manner in which the other speakers addressed those present, saying it was his pleasure to address them as "Mr. Chairman and fellow citizens." Mr. Wright's offhand address was one full of deep interest and much appreciated. Another song by the Browne boys closed the afternoon program.

In the evening all assembled for a house warming and general good time. Dainty refreshments were served. When good nights were said people sighed with satisfaction over a happy day, long to be remembered.

The Santa Cruz Board of Library Trustees was represented by S. Leask, Dr. Bliss and Dr. Parker. Others present were Miss Waterman and Miss Doeltz of the Santa Cruz library, Mrs. S. Leask, Mrs. Ada Moulton and Mrs. Belle Lindsay. Several came down from Boulder Creek, including Prof. Browne and sons and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rodgers. Much regret was felt that none of our supervisors had shown their interest by being present.

with despotism by condemning their offspring to a life of servitude, elaborately showing them that the only possible goal worth attaining is money with all the exigences that that fetish god makes them to crave afterward. The warbling of birds, the very consciousness of life in its natural state is unknown to them and when opportunity allows them to have glimpses of what the sun and earth working in harmony offers to all ex-

LIVING IN LOS ANGELES.

Estimates prepared with the greatest care would indicate that the present population of Los Angeles is approximately 530,000. Statistics supplied by the various transportation lines and other agencies engaged in work of a sort qualifying them to deal with the subject, are of the opinion that, were a census of the city taken any day at noon, the population would