

RED SHIELD HOSTEL OPENED LAST NIGHT

New Salvation Army Institution
Makes Start in City Under
Splendid Auspices.

The large red shield bearing the legend "Salvation Army Hostel" which calls attention of the passer-by to the new home for returned soldiers and others needing temporary shelter, on Simpson street, is veritably a "shield of faith," for the pleasant hostel is the fulfillment of a promise made by F. H. Bole to the women's organizations of Fort William. After he had made one of his red shield campaign speeches before an important and representative body of women workers, and in which he asked their co-operation in raising the sum asked from this city, one of the women inquired whether our city would be given one of the "hostels, containing rest, reading and writing rooms, also sleeping accommodation for convenience of men operated in other Canadian cities, and which would also serve as a refreshment hut."

Women Support Idea

On the assurance being given that one of these hostels should be placed in this city, Mr. Bole secured the hearty support of all women's organizations and, last night, there was a thankful and happy gathering of women, representative of the best working circles of the city, as well as a good attendance of interested men, at the formal opening of this much-needed institution. A few days ago the hostel was inspected by a Times-Journal representative and acquaintance made with the staff of Salvation army officers who, with volunteer help, will manage the home. The pleasant quarters fulfill all the promised conditions and the kitchen, a real, old-fashioned homey room, gives the keynote to the whole establishment in its bright, cheery appointments that would suggest "home" to any wanderer and turn his thoughts to what his own duty is in doing his bit to make a home.

The Entertainment

The committee in charge, Captain and Mrs. Cooper and Sergeant Turner, will welcome visitors at any time. Last night they were assisted in entertaining the visitors and in dispensing hospitality at their pleasant house warming, by Mrs. T. M. Piper, Mrs. W. H. Muirhead, Mrs. W. A. Matheson, Mrs. G. H. Coe, Mrs. F. H. Bole, Mrs. J. E. Daley and Miss Everel Matheson.

The Musical Program

The musical program was contributed by Mrs. A. C. Moffat, who played some brilliant piano selections; Mrs. W. H. Laverty, who sang "My Task," in her usual delightful manner; and P. T. Riggs, who gave the patriotic song, "Hail to King George," in fine style. Victrola music also enlivened the evening and induced sociability.

The Speakers

Major W. Peacock, of Winnipeg, the social secretary and military representative of the Salvation army for western Canada, was the chief speaker, and was introduced by the chairman, Mayor Murphy, who expressed the great satisfaction and pleasure he felt in opening this much-needed institution and in welcoming the staff of Salvation Army officers, who may be safely trusted, not only with the budget and the administration of the business affairs of the hostel, but also with the side that makes for "home influence" in the best sense of the word.

After the opening song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and prayer by Lieutenant R. Yetman, the chairman read a letter from C. W. Jarvis, M. P. P., expressing regret at not being able to give his personal appreciation

of the worth of the hostel.

Rev. Dr. Laker told of his experiences in Toronto as a co-worker with the Salvation Army and said that the memories of that association would prompt him to keep in close touch with the local staff and with the returned men who should have the privilege of finding a home at the red shield hostel.

F. H. Bole said that he noted the limit set by the program in "brief" address by F. H. Bole, and declared he could not possibly do justice to the occasion nor express his heartfelt gratitude at seeing the fulfillment of the establishment of a home for returned soldiers under the aegis of the red shield, in a brief address. He told an eloquent story of the recent campaign for funds, when a man offered him fifteen cents, which represented his whole fortune, as a testimony to his earnest desire to do something for the Salvation Army, which had done so much for him on many occasions when he was not worthy of the kindness and help he received, and as a mite towards the home for others, who, like himself, were "down, but not out," in the regard of the Salvation Army.

Major Peacock, in his address, referred to a much prized letter which he had received from Captain Alfred F. B. Carpenter, V.C., R.N., who wrote on behalf of the navy personnel throughout the service in the royal navy to say that no organization has been more indefatigable in efforts to promote and preserve a healthy atmosphere among those called to defend the empire than has the Salvation Army.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, since the armistice was signed, has written the Salvation Army headquarters as follows: "The army will gratefully remember the devoted and unflagging services which they have received all through the war from the Salvation Army. I value their presence here as being one of the best influences on the moral and spiritual welfare of the troops at the bases. The inestimable value of these influences is realized when the morale of the troops is afterwards put to the test at the front. The huts which the Salvation Army has staffed, have besides been an addition to the comfort of the soldiers, which has been