

QUEEN OPENS B.P. HOUSE.

Baden Powell House will be a place of which scouts all the world over will very rightly be proud. Outside the main entrance, the Duke of Gloucester unveiled the statue of the first Chief Scout - "B.P.", immortalised in stone. All was now ready for the arrival of the Queen, whom the Duke received as she came to give the splendid building a royal opening. Baden-Powell House is in South Kensington. It cost £200,000 to erect. An additional quarter-million has been raised to equip and endow it. The Queen said she vividly remembered meeting B.P. when she was a little girl.

The dormitories can sleep 130. After unveiling the commemorative plaque, the Queen chatted with several scoutmasters, some of them from the Commonwealth.

Scouts were in the crowd outside to wish her goodbye. And there, Her Majesty spoke to Lady Baden Powell, B.P.'s widow. What a fine memorial to him the new House will be.

Finally, a bouquet, presented by Wolf Cub Cadsky, of the Kensington Pack.