

SOMEWHERE FOR PUPILS TO LIVE...

BENEATH the excitement and acclaim of the new schools' opening ceremony ran an under-current of disappointment. It was voiced by the Mayor of Bulawayo, Cdr. E. Basch, when he reminded his audience that there were no suitable boarding hostels for the children from outside Bulawayo who would be attending Eveline and Milton.

The schools had only temporary accommodation to offer these would-be boarders.

The girls were to be lodged in St. Margaret's Hostel, which the Government had acquired from the English Church Council, and put in charge of a Miss Goatley.

Milton took over the boys' department of a Government co-educational school called St. John's, which had been founded in 1896, and turned the old premises into a temporary boarding house for 17 boarders.

The buildings were "totally inadequate", but with the help of Archdeacon Foster conditions were made "tolerable".

However, on opening day Sir

William Milton — who was a representative of the Beit Trust as well as Administrator—was able to reassure everybody.

The Beit Trustees, he said, had decided to build a boarding house for each school. Plans were being prepared, and building would start immediately a suitable one was ready.

It was just over a year later, at the end of September, 1911, that Milton vacated the old St. John's buildings, and took possession of Milton House, the fine new hostel in 12th Avenue.

Its almost identical counterpart at Eveline, which in later years became known as Langdon House, was completed soon afterwards.