

NEW CHEVRONS CLUB

OPENING BY PRINCESS ELIZABETH

Large crowds waited in rain yesterday to see Princess Elizabeth perform her first public engagement in London since her wedding, the opening of the new permanent premises of the Chevrons Club at 3, 4, and 5, Dorset Square, N.W. She was cheered as she entered the club, and it was noted that she arrived in the car recently presented to her by the R.A.F.

At the opening ceremony PRINCESS ELIZABETH said she believed that the spirit which the club helped to keep active was one of the few great benefits which the war had brought to us. "We know too well the sorrows, the suffering, and the bitterness it has left in its train," she said. "Therefore, we must not in any

circumstances allow the comradeship in arms, which brought all the peoples of our Commonwealth and Empire so close together during those arduous years, to lose one fragment of its radiance and its uniting strength."

MANY FACILITIES

The new premises of the club, which is open to n.c.o.s of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, irrespective of race, offer sleeping accommodation for some 100 members; hot and cold water is provided in every bedroom. There is a ballroom decorated with attractive murals, a dining room, women's lounge, bars, a billiards room, and a games room. Provision is made for music, lectures, and debates. All these facilities are available for an annual subscription of 4s., and only 4s. 6d. is charged for bed and breakfast.

The murals in the principal rooms have been painted by Miss Ann Read, aged 21, who started work on them last September. They are her first work of this kind.