



*Sister Denis inside the pre-school*

## “A JOB YOU COULDN’T DESCRIBE”

**“The teachers say there is a marvelous difference in the children who have attended the pre-school. Their whole attitude to learning is different”.**

This is how Sister Denis describes the benefits of the pre-school which the Daughters of Charity operate at Wirajarai Reserve, Moree.

Sister Denis runs the St Pius X Mission with Sister Nicole and Sister Bernard. Speaking with the local people leaves one with no doubts as to the popularity of the nuns and the appreciation of the work they are doing.

Since last year two local women, Maud Haines and Dolly Collins, have become involved in running the pre-school with Sister Denis. Other mothers are also involved to some extent.

About seventy children are enrolled at the pre-school. The children are not forced to attend—rather the problem is often one of restraining their enthusiasm as they roll up for either their morning or afternoon sessions. The parents are also anxious for the children to attend pre-school. Those children living in town or at Stanley Village are picked up and returned home by bus.

With the exception of a daily language period the routine of the 2 to 3 hours sessions is largely informal.