

BUSH NURSING.

New Hospital at Werrimull.

The establishment of a bush nursing hospital at Werrimull marks a further extension of the fine work being performed in

country districts by the Bush Nursing Association. At the week-end a party of members of the Bush Nursing Association, consisting of the president (Sir James Barrett), the superintendent (Sister M. L. Gillis), Dr. Marshall Allan, and Mrs. J. S. Fraser, visited the district and opened the new hospital, which is 40 miles from Red Cliffs. It is the first bush nursing hospital which has developed from a nurse's cottage, and is well situated in Werrimull, where three years ago no town existed. The cost of carrying on the work of the hospital and the salary of the nurse will be borne jointly by the State Ministry and the Bush Nursing Association for two years to give the settlers in the district a chance to establish themselves firmly before undertaking the full financial responsibility of the institution.

The hospital was declared open by Mrs. Fraser, who is a member of the central council of the Bush Nursing Association. Mrs. Fraser commented on the general excellence of the hospital and the enthusiastic manner in which the settlers had set about having it established. Recognising the peculiar difficulties of the settlers in the district the Bush Nursing Association had assisted more in the establishment of the hospital at Werrimull than any other under its direction.

Dr. Marshall Allan said that an analysis of the records of the Bush Nursing Association back to 1922 showed that in 2,200 maternity cases attended by the association's nurses no maternal deaths had occurred. The infant mortality was only about two-thirds of the general average in such cases. Only by the establishment of such institutions in country districts could health and safety be assured.

Sir James Barrett paid a tribute to the generous financial assistance given to the association by the Edward Wilson (of "The Argus") Trust by placing large sums of money at the disposal of the association for the carrying on and the extension of its work.