Mrs. Bates To Write Story Of Native "Spirit Babies"

"KABBARLI"—the native name for Mrs. Daisy Bates—is on her way back to the aborigines among whom she ministered for 35 years.

The 80-year-old Irishwoman, who has not seen her "children" for five years, left by the East-West express today for Wynbrong, about 100 miles east of her old Ooldea camp, which is now occupied by a missionary body.

"One of my objectives is to complete my story of the spirit babies, which I hope to have published as a Christmas tale," said Mrs. Bates.

She explained that the natives, who do not understand the facts of birth, believe in the legend of ngargalulla. This says that under the surface of the ground at the bottom of the sea is a country called Jimbin, the home of the spirit babies. In Jimbin there is no shadow of trouble or strife or toil, only the happy laughter of the little people at play.

Fine Instead Of Funeral

PERTH, Saturday.—He missed by 18 inches what might have proved to be his funeral—and paid a fine of 5/- instead.

This morning a man was charged with a motoring offence.