

A committee of enquiry into the alleged underfeeding of nurses at Merthyr Workhouse Infirmary found that there were grounds for complaint. This may be so, but nurses do not always realise the difficulty of catering in these days. The Merthyr nurses do not like "marg," neither do we; but with butter rationed it is not to be had, and it is often "marg" or nothing. Again, nearly everything in towns is of an inferior quality, and prohibitive at that. Thus digestions suffer—also tempers. We write feelingly.

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forests. Nothing seems to baffle her if she knows there is sickness and suffering to be tended at the end of her journey. What Sister Greer does, is done in lesser fashion by the hundred odd women who make up the Bush Nursing Association to-day.

"That a Bush Nurse needs to be an exceptional woman will be realised when it is known that, in addition to a thorough training in medical and surgical work and midwifery, she must be able to ride, to act as inspector of the school-children—under the direction of the State Medical Officers, to give lectures to the mothers on the care and feeding of infants, and



THE PRINCE AND THE NURSES.

The Prince of Wales shaking hands with the nurses at St. Andrew's Hospital during his visit to Toronto.

article on "Australia's Bush Nurse." We are told:—

"To-day, at the head of these Bush Nurses, is a stalwart, cheery, optimistic, big-brained woman—Sister Greer. She lives and works but for one thing, the further developing of her organisation. Sister Greer oft-times begins work at five o'clock on a cold winter's morning, and ceases at the same time about three days later. What she will have accomplished in the interim would surprise a hefty man accustomed to long hours and hard work. She travels over hard roads, often on horse-back, often in a primitive conveyance, and, if she is lucky, in a motor. She crosses rivers, she scales mountains, she penetrates deep

on such special subjects as the cure of snake bite.

"Most of the 'out back' settlers—and it is necessary to have some minute knowledge of Australian conditions to realise fully what 'out back' means—find the Bush Nurse the one person to whom they can turn in dire emergency, such as when an accident occurs as a giant tree falls the wrong way. To give an idea of these giant trees, one hotel of thirteen rooms, at Gonyah Gonyah, is built from one tree.

"Sister Greer has, amongst her possessions, a series of lantern slides made from photos taken with her own camera. One of these shows four children rowing in the midst of the

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