

that to employ partially trained nurses because they are cheap, will inevitably be prejudicial to the financial stability of fully trained district nurses, and encourage inefficiency and sweating. We hope the Irish Nurses' Association will use its influence to prevent the depreciation of district nursing standards in Ireland.

Our charming picture of three nurse probationers at St. Agatha's Hospital, Ping Yin, in North China, demonstrates the growth of trained nursing there. Both the first European and the first Chinese martyr to suffer death in the Boxer rising of 1899 died near Ping Yin, and, when the St. Stephen's Memorial Church was finished, the Medical Mission, which had formerly occupied a mud hut, was able to move into the old church. Now it is well housed in an admirable building planned by, and built under the personal direction of, Dr. Margaret Phillips, and its timely help is gratefully welcomed by the people of Ping Yin. This story, and

many others of equal interest, are told in "The Claim of Suffering," a plea for medical missions, by Elma K. Paget, published by the S.P.G. We are indebted to the Society for permission to publish this picture, which, we are sure, will give pleasure to many of our readers.

The *British Australian* states:—From Australia we hear of the installation of the first English nurse, Miss Amy Brown, sent out to undertake Bush Nursing, under Dr. Barrett's advice. Miss Brown spent a fortnight in Melbourne, where she learnt to ride, and expressed herself as delighted with all her new experiences. She has been placed at Dargo, a very progressive but decidedly "out-back" district

in Gippsland, and was accompanied thither by Lady Fuller, Dr. Jean Greig, Dr. Edith Barrett, and Miss D. Michaelis. The installation ceremony included a church service, and the christening of two new little Gippslanders, to both of whom Lady Fuller stood godmother. While Dr. Barrett was in England he was simply overwhelmed with applications from nurses who wished to go to Australia. The rates paid to nurses are not much higher, on the whole, than in England, but the work is constant, and no nurse need ever fear slack months or weeks; her anxiety, indeed, in the Commonwealth, is to snatch some time for a very necessary holiday each year. At Darwin it was related some time back that it was quite



THREE NURSE PROBATIONERS AT ST. AGATHA'S HOSPITAL, PING YIN.

impossible to keep the hospital with a sufficient staff of nurses, as they married within a very short time of their arrival. Nursing homes, hospitals, and bureaux in Melbourne and Sydney positively refused to send away more nurses to the territory, as they said they could not go on supplying such a con-

stant demand. The mother country appears to be rising to the occasion, but it is quite possible she too may rebel after a while.

It is reported in *Una* that it is probable that the intended steps to give practical effect to a bush nursing scheme will shortly be announced. The system will probably be extended through the agency of the country hospitals. The idea is to make each hospital the centre of a district. The hospitals will be endowed to establish a maternity ward for cases incapable of treatment in the bush, and to provide a couple of trained district nurses to visit remote but uncomplicated cases. Probably each hospital would have to maintain a motor car to take the nurses to cases and to bring them back.

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