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proper technical and spiritual preparation. The sisters should obtain certificates as doctors and nurses. . . . The Religious should see a noble expression of Christian charity in this delicate service, a charitable work destined to ease bodily misery and to open the way for the grace of the Redemption. . . ."

There are now about eighteen Sister-doctors of different communities in the foreign mission field, all sharing in the far-reaching results of Dr. McLaren's courage, perseverance and charity. Her work lives on in them and more especially in the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries, Fox Chase, Philadelphia, Pa.

MANY CREEDS BENEFIT BY HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL, RAWALPINDI, INDIA

According to the annual report, thousands of patients of many creeds benefitted in the past year by the medical facilities of Holy Family Hospital, Rawalpindi, India, conducted by the Medical Mission Sisters of Fox Chase, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

ONLY CATHOLIC HOSPITAL IN PUNJAB

The hospital, which is the only Catholic hospital in the Punjab, a region of 28,000,000 people, and which provides special accommodation for caste and purdah patients, reported that Hindus, Mohammedans, Sikhs, native Christians, Eurasians, Europeans and even Americans from the nearby colony of oil drillers, availed themselves of the medical care of the Sisters, both doctors and nurses.

During the year 1942, Holy Family Hospital cared for 2,038 in-patients, and 31,926 out-pa-

tients. The Hindus far outnumber the Moslem patients in the hospital although the Punjab is a predominantly Mohammedan province. The reason is that many of the latter still adhere to the custom of secluding their women.

SISTERS PERFORM OPERATIONS

That confidence in Western medicine is growing each year is shown by the number of operations performed by the Sisters last year: 134 major and 648 minor. 542 babies were born in the hospital. Sister Alma Lalinsky, M.D., a graduate of Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, is the resident physician in charge of the hospital, assisted by Sister Leonie Tummers, M.D., a graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

Overcrowded as the hospital is, there is always a waiting list for operations. Apropos of this, the

report expressed the need for a hostel or caravansary in connection with the new 100-bed hospital which is to be built as soon as means permit. It is a common story when a patient is told to wait for a bed to hear her say: "But we come from a village 30 miles away and have nowhere to stay in the city."

TRAINING OF INDIAN NURSES

In connection with the hospital the Sisters conduct a training school for Indian nurses, religious and lay, and accredited schools for nurse-midwives, compounders, and laboratory technicians. Among the student nurses are fourteen young women from the south of India who are to form the nucleus of an Indian Sisterhood of Medical Mission Sisters.

Ante- and post-natal clinic visits to the Maternity and Child Welfare Centers numbered 5,264, and during the year visits to

homes totalled 3,486. Baptisms in all departments numbered 406.

WAR RAISES PRICE OF DRUGS

The report concludes with an acknowledgment of sincere gratitude to all the friends and benefactors of the hospital who have encouraged and helped the work during the past year, and with a plea for continued and even greater support this year, since the war has raised the price of drugs and other necessities to almost exorbitant figures. Some are not even obtainable. It is the expressed hope of the Sisters that this year the generosity of their friends will enable them to start building the 100-bed Holy Family Hospital which is so urgently needed in Rawalpindi.

The Medical Mission Sisters also conduct a 75-bed hospital in Patna, India, and are in charge of the nursing and the nurses' training school at the 450-bed Mitford Hospital, Dacca, Bengal, India.

Medicine and the Church

We quote the following lines from the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Reverend Amleto Cicognani; "The glorious traditions of medicine have in a gratifying manner harmonized with the program of Christ and His Church. Not without providential disposition, one of the four Evangelists, St. Luke, was a physician, as St. Paul calls him—"Our most dear physician."