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## Native Sisters

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conditioned so that even the sight of the mother will call forth the same response, namely love. Thus are emotional responses conditioned.

This is psychology from the standpoint of the Behaviorist. From the standpoint of a psychologist it looks as if all trace of psychology has thus far been carefully left out, for psychology is the study of the psyche, the soul, the conscious self or that

part of the self which has at least the capacity of becoming conscious. Dr. Watson says not. He thinks psychology is the study of the reaction-mass. Anyway, he is convinced that reaction-mass psychology is all the psychology that is needed to explain everything. "The behaviorist asks for nothing to start with in building a human being but the squirmings everyone can see in the new-born infant."

[To be concluded]

### Native Sisters

For several years the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries has shared in the responsibility and privileges of training native sisters. In 1936 Sister M. Lactitia paid a visit to Dacca, Bengal. While there she met the Associates of Mary, a native community started some ten years ago under the auspices of the Holy Cross Sisters. She was impressed by the happy, intelligent faces and trim appearance of these native sisters, and had the inspiration to offer them a nurses' training in our own hospital in Rawalpindi, North India.

This offer was accepted promptly, and fifteen young Bengali Sisters travelled to the far north of India, which was like a foreign country to them. Strange food, a different language, and a trying climate tested and proved their sturdy missionary spirit. They persevered valiantly, and of the first group who graduated, one received the annual government medal for the highest marks.

They are back in their native Bengal and have opened a dispensary in Rangamattia, supplying skilled nursing care where there was none before.

This first success gave us courage to accept two other groups of native sisters for similar training, including midwifery. Moreover, on Pentecost 1940, a band of young Indian girls from Malabar started on their long journey to Rawalpindi, to study nursing and afterwards to be formed into a native branch of the Medical Mission Sisters. These girls come from old Catholic families, the so-called "St. Thomas Christians", and they have an excellent education. Their charming manners and keen minds give great promise for the future, when, as full-fledged Indian Medical Mission Sisters, they will be prepared to nurse the sick poor of their own people.

—Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries.