St. Patrick’s Day in Jamshedpur, India——
A Philadelphia-trained doctor uses her skill where it’s needed most
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TEN YEARS AGO, on St. Patrick’s Day, three travel-weary Sisters of Mercy from Merion, Pennsylvania, arrived at the sprawling steel town of Jamshedpur, India. These nursing sisters had been sent by the Congregation of the Religious Sisters of Mercy to assist in the treatment of rampant tuberculosis which scourged the district. By invitation they assumed operation of a tuberculosis hospital that had been recently built by local industry. It was the first effort of the Order in extending its work of mercy to the Asian continent.

The Sisters of Mercy was founded in Ireland in 1831. In the ensuing one hundred and thirty years the charitable work of the Order has spread around the world.

Two years ago, Sister Mary Liguori, M.D., Philadelphia-trained and certified by the American Board of Surgery, joined the group in Jamshedpur. In 1962 they opened their own Mercy Hospital; it consists of four Nissen huts equipped with modern hospital furnishings, electric lights and fans. In addition to caring for their hospital patients, Sister Mary Liguori and her staff visit a nearby leper colony each week. The baby carriage seen on our cover carries medicines and dressings for the lepers. Distributing the supplies is David Cook, a senior in the St. Louis University Medical School, one of thirty senior medical students and newly graduated physicians sent to medical outposts in Africa, Asia and Latin America by the Smith, Kline and French Foreign Fellowship program. The program is administered by the Association of American Medical Colleges; juniors and seniors in any medical school may apply. The fellows serve for periods of twelve weeks at mission hospitals, medical facilities supported by foreign governments or at facilities supported by private American groups such as Medico.

On St. Patrick’s night, March 17, the Irish and the Irish-for-a-Day will hold an Annual Mission Social at Mater Misericordia Academy in Merion to assist the Jamshedpur Hospital.