

Society to follow the Catholic example. In place of feeling themselves incumbrances let our single women band themselves into Sisterhoods for good works. There is abundance for them to accomplish. I am far from recommending the vow of perpetual chastity, but let them, after a novitiate, bind themselves for at least three years, choosing that Sisterhood and that line of work which appeals to them. And while I believe that a deep sense of religious duty is necessary for such a life, and grows in the fulfilment thereof, and that a due regularity of religious exercise is essential, I would not say that such sisterhood should by any means necessarily be under the dominance of any one particular sect. Let the work to be undertaken, and not the sect, be the dominating principle. But this I do recognize, that the success of any such sisterhood at its inception depends wholly upon governance by some forceful, clear minded and single-hearted woman, and I would be so far worldly as to suggest that to attract other women such a leader should already be of distinction in our society.

I do not think that I am suggesting too much. They have successful orders of Deaconesses in Protestant Norway. I have met them there. I have met them in Germany. They have them in Protestant Scotland. So I would urge that some good strong woman come forward and devote her life to the noble work of establishing a sisterhood for the care of the incurable tuberculous in generous emulation of the work that is being accomplished by her Catholic Sisters. Surely here is a life work that will appeal to our Canadian womanhood, a work that must spread and spread until it embraces all Protestant Canada. Who will come forward?

## THE CONDITION OF THE LYMPHATIC GLANDS AS A FACTOR IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS OF THE HIP AND LOWER SPINE.

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In the past great difficulty has been experienced in making a differential diagnosis between early tuberculous lesions of the spine and the hip. In November, 1909, I observed that the deep lymphatic glands in the iliac and inguinal regions were more likely to be enlarged in disease of the spine than in hip disease. Tuberculous lumbar lymphatic glands have long been recognized by orthopaedic surgeons as a cause of Pott's disease, and lumbar Pott's disease may be the cause of tuberculous lumbar and iliac glands.