

Already the money is coming in, and it looks as if the wish of Her Royal Highness would soon be realized. We most heartily wish that it may. Canada is now becoming a wealthy country, and, though there are many demands upon the generosity of her people, still there is enough for this purpose also. So far the donations have ranged all the way from \$1 to \$5,000.

Contributions should be addressed to Miss Pelly, Lady-in- waiting, at Government House, Ottawa. Shortly after the appeal was made about \$30,000 had been sent in.

A COMMISSION FOR THE ASYLUMS.

Dr. C. K. Clarke, who is noted for his frank and outspoken methods, a few days ago, at the meeting of the Canadian Hospital Association, came out in plain and strong language that there should be a well regulated civil service in the asylums of the country.

He contended that the best way to secure this would be for the governments of the various provinces to appoint a capable commission to manage the appointments to the staffs of the asylums, and the promotions that may be required from time to time. This would take those out of the influence of politics.

This is the position that THE CANADA LANCET has stood firmly for in the past. It is bound to come, because it is the true way; and "truth crushed to earth shall rise again." This is nearer now than it once was, as we note with pleasure that recently there has been shown a disposition to make promotions on merit acquired by years of useful service.

CURES THAT WOULD BE MIRACLES.

We do not intend to go into the question what constitutes a miracle. This is sufficiently well understood to call for no remarks on our part. we do purpose, however, commenting on two "cures" that would clearly fall within the meaning of "miracle."

A recent writer in Munsey's Magazine tells us that he saw a case of tuberculosis that was claimed to have been cured by the water of the famous shrine of Lourdes in the Pyrenees. The girl was cured during the night. The writer of the article states that he saw the patient walking about, whom a few days before was stricken and helpless. How is this?