

Mr. Ransford, of Farnham Royal, has offered £500 to liquidate a debt of £3,500 on the British Orphan Asylum at Slough, provided six others did the same, and £100 in any event.

Arrangements are being made for the erection of a nurse's home in Grange Road, West Bromwich, which will be presented to the town by Alderman C. Akrill.

The Swansea hospital seems in luck's way. At a recent meeting of the Committee it was announced that an anonymous donor had promised £10,000 towards the erection of a convalescent home in connection with the hospital, and that another donor had offered to endow a ward in the hospital with £800, and to equip it with twenty beds.

A woman's ward is to be opened in August at the Cardiff Infirmary. It will contain ten beds, and before long it is hoped to maintain sixteen.

The beautiful new hospital for the treatment of consumptives, erected by Sir Robert and Lady Pullar, of Tayside, at Perth, has recently been opened. The building was handed over to the Committee, fully furnished and equipped, and is in every way admirably suited for its purpose.

It is intended (says the *Journal des Débats*) to celebrate in April next the centenary of the hospital surgeons, and the well-known sculptor Denys Punch has been commissioned to execute a suitable monument for the interior court of the Hôtel Dieu at Paris. This will take the form of a marble bas relief representing the operation of tracheotomy, by means of which, before the discovery of Dr. Roux, hospital surgeons were wont to rescue from death infants attacked by croup. Many surgeons perished in their devotion to duty, and their names will be engraved below the subject of the sculpture. A commemorative medal will also be struck.

We have lost so many valuable lives from enteric fever in South Africa that the reports of Professor Koch on the recent outbreak in Silesia, as published by the Reichsgesundheit will be welcome.

It is estimated that there are sixty or seventy distinct species of microbes living in a healthy human body. Over thirty species are found in the cavity of the mouth, others in the skin and the digestive organs.

A remarkable fact which a contributor to the *British Weekly* points out is that only two members of Mr. McKinley's present Cabinet received a university education. Not one inherited wealth. The Secretary of the Treasury began life as a bank clerk, the Secretary of War as a schoolmaster, the Postmaster-General as a compositor, the Secretary of the Navy as a "chore-boy" on a farm, the Secretary of Agriculture as a ploughman, and the Secretary of the Interior as a salesman.

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