

whom the College is, in a great measure, a memorial. Amongst other interesting relics is the skeleton of O'Brien, the Irish giant, who, to avoid falling into Hunter's hands after his death, left instructions that his body should be watched night and day, enclosed in a leaden coffin, and carried out to sea, and sunk. In spite of all these precautions, Hunter's devotion to science triumphed, and poor O'Brien, or, rather, his "bony framework" now adorns the walls of the College of Surgeons.

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NOR should foreign visitors omit to inspect the tomb of Rahere, the founder of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, which is enshrined in the beautiful old church of St. Bartholomew the Great, near by. The church itself is well worthy of a visit, being a fine example of Anglo-Norman architecture—indeed, most of it is pure Norman, as left by Rahere in 1123. Apart from its architectural interest, the church, as containing the tomb of the founder of the oldest hospital in London, merits a visit.

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THE entrance to this beautiful building is not very easy to find. It may be approached either from King Edward Street, by way of Newgate Street, or from Smithfield—where, by the way, visitors should look for the inscription on the wall of the hospital testifying to the burning of the martyrs near that spot in days gone by—but the church stands back, and may easily be passed, so it is necessary to look out for the golden cross which marks the entrance.

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S Hospital, most of the nursing delegates will have seen already; they should certainly not omit to see Newgate, the gaol which is shortly to come down, and which was the scene of the devoted labours of Elizabeth Fry, that great woman, who also did so much to raise the standard of trained nurses. Newgate, in a street bearing its name, is best approached from Holborn, or from St. Paul's Churchyard. Then visitors should certainly see Haslar, and Netley Hospitals. The former close to Portsmouth, the latter on Southampton Water, being, respectively, the chief of our naval and military hospitals. Another of the best of the military hospitals is the Herbert Hospital, at Woolwich, which is close to the Brook Fever Hospital, Shooters' Hill, one of the hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Miss Sidney Browne, Superintendent of Nurses at the Herbert Hospital, and Miss Bann, the Matron of the Brook Hospital, most kindly offered hospitality to any foreign nurses who would care to go there on Thursday in this week, but as invitations were already issued for the London Hospital for

that day we very much hope that the invitation may be renewed for some day next week.

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THEN the Small-pox Ships, also a department of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, should be visited. No doubt, Mr. Duncombe Mann, the courteous Secretary of the Board at Norfolk House, Norfolk Street, Strand, would facilitate matters for any foreign nurse wishing to see these ships. It does not mean that the visitor would come into contact with infection, but the ships of the ambulance service at Rotherhithe, as well as those farther down the river, are most interesting.

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THE Children's Hospital, in Great Ormond Street—the oldest of our London Children's Hospitals—should be seen, with its beautiful mortuary chapel, and close at hand also in Great Ormond Street is the Homoeopathic Hospital, where visitors are also sure of a courteous reception, and where the nursing arrangements are excellent.

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REFERRING to the fact that the Pension Clause (for asylum attendants) has been omitted from the Lunacy Bill of 1899, the *Asylum News* says: "It is the unanimous opinion of the highest authorities in the lunacy world that a system of assured pensions not only would improve the efficiency of the service, but would also be a due recognition of the arduous and trying character of asylum work, which as a department of public service, promoting the welfare of the State, has not as yet received such recognition."

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"It is incumbent upon every member of our Association possessing a vote to bring before his parliamentary representative the expression of dissatisfaction felt by all engaged in Asylum work, in regard to the omission of the Pension Clause in the Bill now before the House of Commons."

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HALF the members of this Society being men and possessed of a vote, are appealed to to make use of it if they desire legislative privileges. Women attendants, we hope, realise the futility of their voteless position. This is a good lesson for trained nurses, and we hope they will take it to heart. No vote, no power—no power, no pension. *Voilà tout!!*

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WE learn that many cases of malarial tropical poisoning go into Liverpool from the West Indies, and the West Coast of Africa; and the Liverpool School of Tropical Diseases, opened a couple of months ago, is letting no time slip before proceeding to investigate the causes of malaria. A scientific expedition is to start in a couple of months' time for Sierra Leone.

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