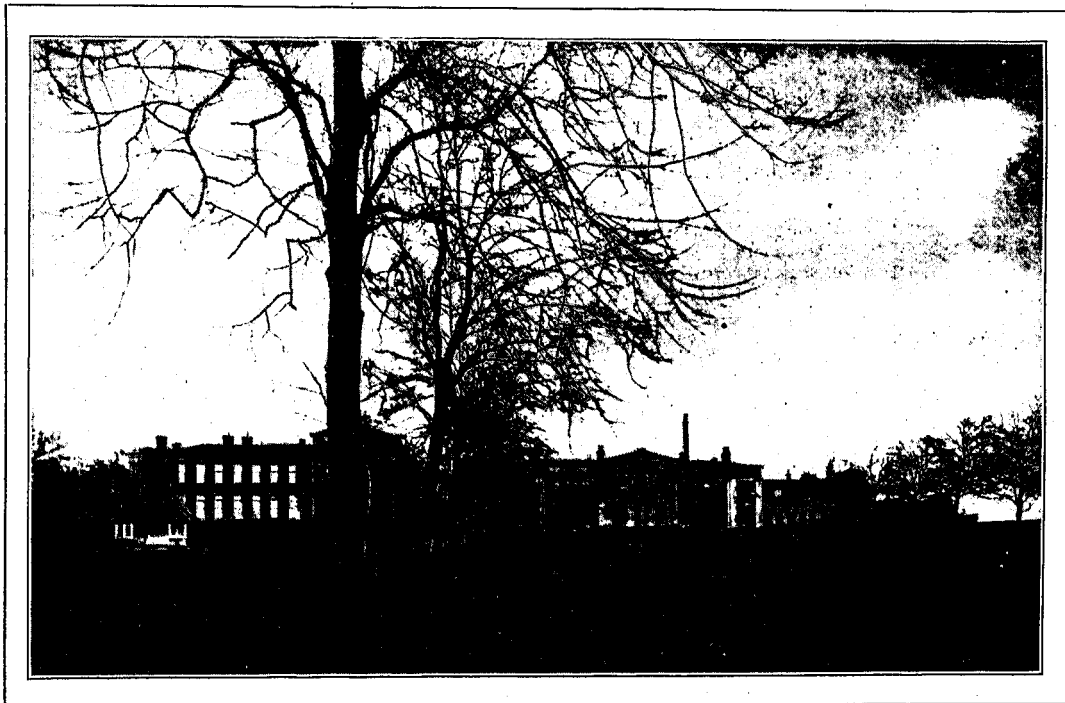


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CARLISLE: SOMETHING ABOUT ITS CATHEDRAL AND INFIRMARY.

The ancient city of Carlisle (Caer Luel) is probably better known in these busy commercial times as an important railway centre—the junction between the North and the South—but to the casual wayfarer, who has time and inclination to tarry awhile and prowl about, it is exceedingly quaint and interesting, while to the historian and to the antiquarian it is a happy hunting ground. Originally a Roman station,

he stabled his horses within its venerable walls, as he did in Worcester Cathedral and probably in others. When founded it was a Priory Church, and the Norman nave remains to mark that period. Then Henry I founded and endowed a Priory of Augustinian Canons known as the "Black Canons." As we wander out of the south door into the sunshine of a bright May day, we find ourselves amidst the ruins of the Priory buildings; and where a sturdy ash tree—which carries its 120 years well—now stands, there stood "*the Hospital*." In ancient times it was the Church that cared for the sick, and the seed, therefore, of hospital growth was planted by the Church. It is a thought we like to cherish,



THE CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, CARLISLE.

near the Roman Wall, it afterwards became an important border town, to which the characteristic "lanes" which pierce the blocks of old buildings in the Market Place bear witness, where many a bloody conflict must have taken place between the contending forces of English, Scots and Danes.

To pass through the city without visiting the Cathedral—one of the most ancient in the country—would be an unforgivable sin!

The massive Norman architecture of the nave is the oldest and finest part of this small but beautiful "Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity," dating back to the twelfth century. It has been partly destroyed by fire more than once, and still bears marks of its vicissitudes. In the Parliamentary wars, Cromwell

for the duty is essentially a sacred one. In the Rule of St. Benedict we find, "Before all things, and above all things, care must be taken of the sick." How the hearts of those early devoted nurses—male and female—would have rejoiced to see the successor of their crude and primitive hospital—the spacious and beautiful building represented by the accompanying photograph, namely the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. It stands a short distance from the site of its ancient predecessor, and a little out of the city, on high ground. It is worthy of its purpose, and is beautifully situated in its own grounds, overlooking a fine avenue of trees, whose shadows lie fretted out on the green sward.

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