

Hospital at St. Katharine's Docks in 1148 and her Royal spouse? It was rebuilt on the east side of Regent's Park in 1825, and later was for some years the head-quarters of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute.

Our illustration on this page gives an idea of the beauty of the grounds of St. Katharine's Lodge Hospital, as seen from a ward.

A STATE SYSTEM DESIRED.

Dr. Thompson, of Omagh, replying for the Irish county hospital surgeons, in the *Irish Times*, to the letter of the Honble. Albinia Brodrick, says, in part:—

"What we want is that justice should be meted out fairly all round, and that our nurses should get the same chance of obtaining a proper qualification and subsequent registration as the nurses of other training schools and hospitals. We maintain that this can only be effected fairly to all concerned by a State system both of qualification and registration, and we object to, and will use all our influence to prevent, the formation of boards and colleges, both in Ireland and England, obtaining control over the education and registration of the nurse, which might be improperly and unfairly used, both against small nursing institutions and individual nurses.

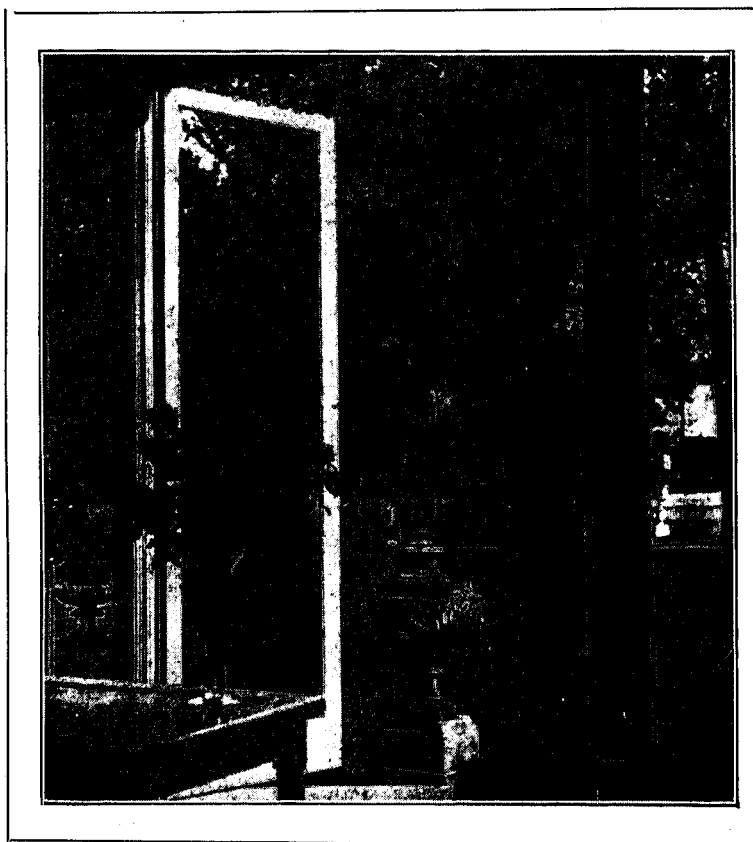
"Our object is plain and above board, and should receive the support of all independent men and women, and especially of nurses trained and contemplating training. We Irish county surgeons have no personal axe to grind, and have adopted our present attitude to safeguard the interest both of the State and the nursing professions and the institutions connected with the training of nurses. We desire the State, in consultation with those best

qualified to give advice, to formulate a definite scheme for the education of nurses and for their subsequent registration. There is surely nothing very alarming in this proposition. It has been already carried out in dealing with the medical profession. This is the view adopted by the Society for the State Registration of Nurses, and it should be adopted.

"The true way to solve all these troublesome nursing questions is to institute a uniform State system of training and examination, and subsequently State registration, and that these duties should not be entrusted to any colleges, boards, committees, or private individuals, but should each and all be controlled in the first instance by the State."

Trained nurses who have not yet signed the Petition to the Prime Minister, organized by the S.S.R.T.N. can obtain forms from the Hon. Secretary, 43I, Oxford Street, London, W. I.

Miss M. S. Rundle, Secretary of the College of Nursing, Ltd., attended a meeting convened at University College, Nottingham, on Monday, October 8th, and spoke on its aims and objects.



THE GROUNDS OF ST. KATHARINE'S LODGE HOSPITAL.

TRUE TALE WITH A MORAL.

"RELIABLE" INFORMATION.

Irish Nurse to College of Nursing Authority: "I have come to get some information with regard to the College of Nursing; I understand that the College was started for the benefit of V.A.D.s?"

College Authority: "Oh, no! it was entirely to benefit trained nurses, &c., &c.... but, of course, the V.A.D.s have done so splendidly it is only right we should give them some recognition!"

Exit Irish Nurse.

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