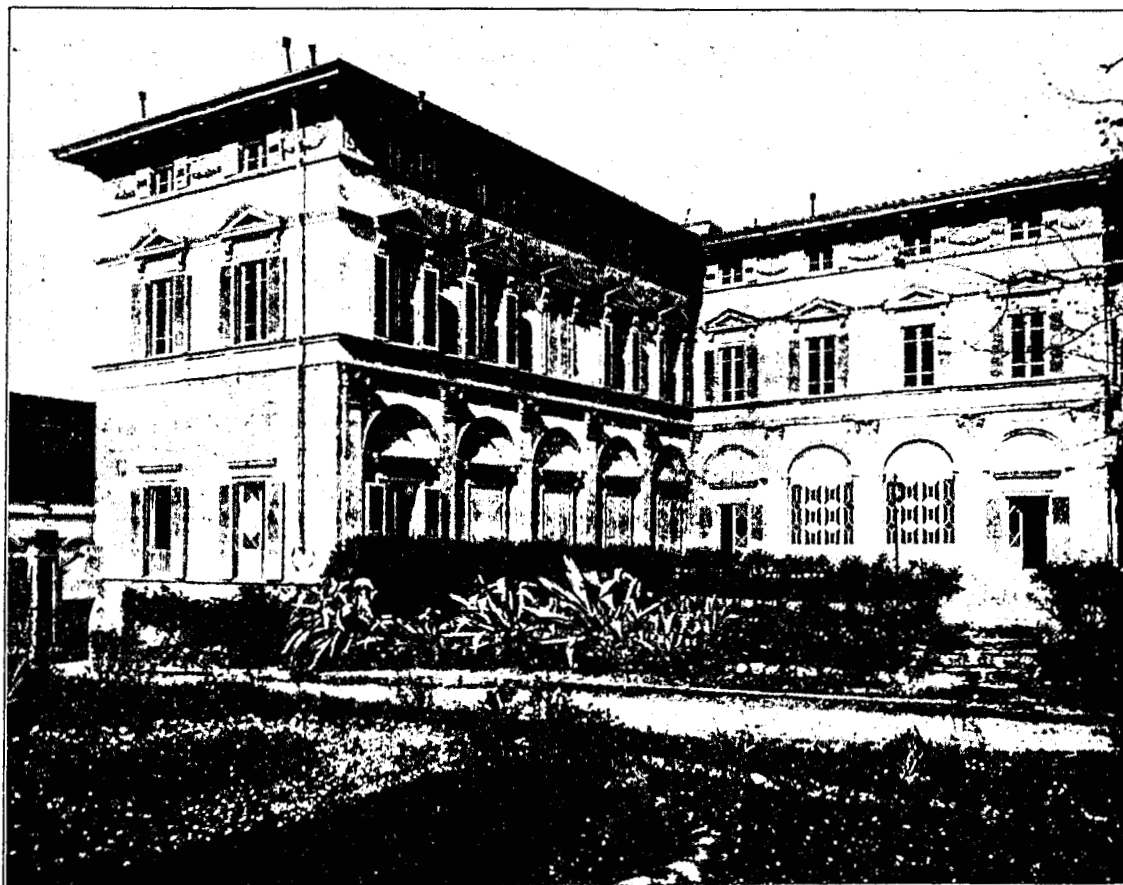## The Hospital World.

AN ITALIAN NURSING HOME.

THE accompanying picture of the Villa Regina Natalia, Via Bolognese, 48, Florence, is especially interesting, because it is the first Nursing Home in Italy which has a trained nurse, or even a woman, as Superintendent, and which is nursed by Italian nurses. The Lady Superintendent is Miss Turton, who for years has taken a deep interest in the education of Italian girls as nurses,

permitted to bring their own nurses if they desire to do so. Miss Turton's hope is that if she succeeds in satisfying the big Florentine " Chiefs," that the Chiefs of other towns will demand Italian nurses as Superintendents for their Nursing Homes, and so not only will more posts be open to well trained Italian nurses, but more interest will be created in the question of refined and scientific nursing in general.

The Medical Staff, with the Lady Superintendent, form the Committee of the Home, but the

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and now that, owing to her efforts, trained Italian nurses are existent, a further development is their employment in a private Nursing Home, and the experiment will be watched with much interest.

It was Dr. Paggi, the popular doctor of the American Colony, who first decided, in conjunction with Miss Turton, that a Nursing Home, on modern lines, was much needed in Florence. Associated with him are five other medical men, all of whom are Clinical Chiefs in Italian Hospitals. The permanent staff are all Italian hospital trained nurses, but foreign patients are

entire internal management is wisely left in Miss Turton's hands.

We hear that the Villa is quite charming and very homelike, with large airy rooms and a lovely view. It can accommodate 14 patients, and within a month of opening 7 were admitted.

The terms on which patients are received vary from 7 to 12 francs a day, inclusive of nursing and wine. Special nursing, and fine wines, medicines, dressings, massage, baths, and doctor's fees are extras. The relatives and servants of patients are received if desired.