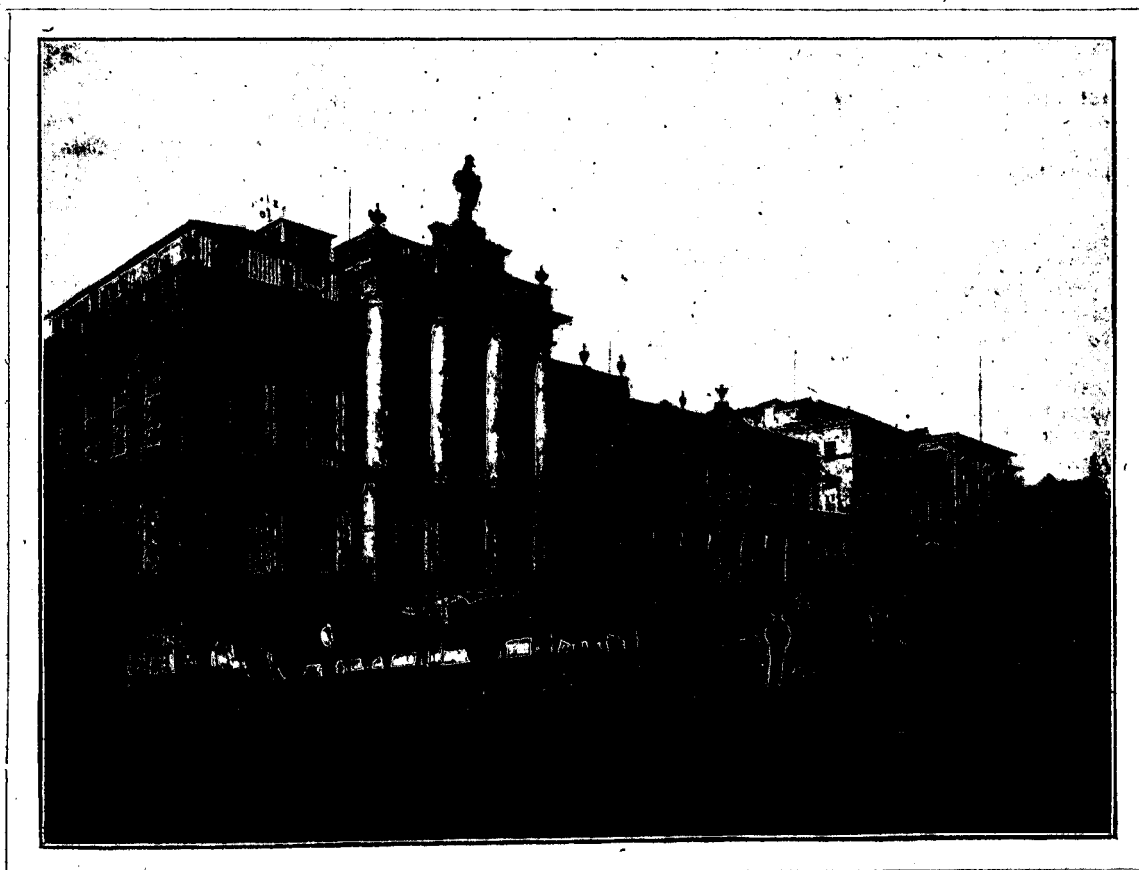


hospitals and thus prevent the present very misleading assumption that the three years' term of training covers experience in gynæcological nursing. It is with such practical questions that a Central Nursing Council could deal to the benefit of nurses and patients.

The welcome accorded to the King of Portugal during his visit to this country has been especially cordial, for the nation has not forgotten the tragedy which placed him on the throne of his fathers, and overshadowed his life, as he was entering into manhood. With

presence of King Manuel in this country. It is a handsome building, the design of which is accredited to Sir Christopher Wren. It is believed that the great architect intended it for a hospital in London, where, however, it was rejected as too large. The original design was for a quadrangular building, with gardens in the centre. Oporto utilised a little more than one side of the square, for the present hospital, which accommodates about 500 patients. Sir Christopher Wren must have been in advance of his time, for the hospital has large windows and doors and beautiful balconies. The latter



THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, OPORTO.

a good courage, however, he assumed the reins of government, a courage which, no doubt, he in part inherits from his mother, the Dowager Queen, whose fine courage and sincere piety, as well as her deep interest in nursing, are well known. She is endeared to the poor by her warm, genuine sympathy for them in sickness and suffering.

The General Hospital, Oporto, of which we print an illustration on this page, is of special interest at the present time owing to the

are, however, seldom used except as passages, and a sick Portuguese does not like an open window.

The draft regulations for the training and examination of candidates for its certificate of proficiency are now under the consideration of the Medico-Psychological Association. It is proposed to institute a Preliminary Examination to be passed at least twelve months before entering for the Final. Candidates for the Preliminary Examination must have spent at least

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