

## THE FIRST CERTIFICATED NURSES OF THE REGINA ELENA NURSING SCHOOL, ROME.

### ROYAL RECOGNITION.

A very interesting function took place in Rome on Monday, March 31st, when the first batch of Italian nurses trained at the Policlinico Hospital, Rome, received their diplomas and medals at the hands of Her Majesty Queen

received their reward last week, when the sixteen nurses who had completed their two years' service in the hospital wards and passed their examinations received their priceless certificate of training.

The ceremony was held in the Quirinal Palace, in one of the large drawing-rooms, which was beautifully decorated with flowers—roses, tulips, carnations, frezias everywhere. About 200 guests were present, including Princess Corsini, President of the new Nursing



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Elena of Italy, patroness of its Nursing School, which bears her name.

The initial difficulties in establishing the School were almost insuperable, but it soon justified its existence, and is now reaping the first fruits of success. Every year new wards are taken over, more applications received from Italian probationers, and, most encouraging of all, Florence, Genoa, Spezia, and other Italian cities are beginning to found Schools on the same lines. It required great faith and courage on the part of Italian ladies to take up what was to them utterly unknown work, but they

School shortly to be formed in Florence, Baronessa de Riessi, President of the School to be formed in Genoa, and many other well-known Roman ladies.

The guests were placed facing the low dais, where Princess Doria, President of the Nursing School, Madame Maraini, and the other members of the Hospital Committee awaited Her Majesty, the nurses being drawn up in two semi-circles on either side. Their uniforms looked charming in the lofty gold and white room, forming a picturesque contrast with the brilliant uniforms of some officers who were

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