

THE FACILITIES FOR THE STUDY OF OTO-RHINO —LARYNGOLOGY IN ROME

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When in the Ancient City of Rome in the month of March, last, I had the great pleasure of following the work of Professor G Ferreri, Director of the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Clinic of the Polyclinico Umberto I., every forenoon for a week.

The Polyclinic is situated outside the city walls, to the light of the Porto Pia, and close to the ancient Castra Praetoria, where it covers a large area of ground. It was designed by Podesti, and built in 1896, but not opened for some years later, and may be considered to represent the very latest in Hospital Accommodation, upon the pavilion plan. Each building is connected with its neighbors by means of broad galleries, with abundant spacings for light and air, and all these buildings are of a uniform height and design externally. The gardens which surround the pavilions are neat and cheerful, and contribute by their beauty to render the whole place most attractive.

An entire pavilion is devoted to the Oto-Rhino-Laryngological Clinic, and is placed in the front row, immediately to the left of the central or Administration Pavilion, and next to one of those devoted to Surgery. The ground floor contains in front, the Extern consultation room, waiting, electrical and Inhalation rooms, and at the back commodious Laboratories. The second floor contains a male and female ward, each accommodating ten patients, an amphi-theatre for operations where students are present, two smaller wards, each containing two beds for special cases, two small operating-rooms, offices for the Director, Instrument rooms, Kitchen, and rooms for the attendants. The basement is utilized for storage, and for anatomical examinations.