

The Fascist Epiphany Feast in Sfax



A view of the imposing assembly of compatriots

In the wide courtyard of our Schools, dressed with tricolour flags in an atmosphere of felt faith, Fascist, the distribution of the Epiphany feast gift package of the Duce is carried out on the 8 February. At the arrival of the Regent Regio V. Consolato cav. Berionni Idumeo who was accompanied by the Director of the Schools, the Royal interpreter Mr. Fiorilla and the members of the colony, the tricolour was raised, while a formation of the Balilla (Fascist party youth group) sailors, presented arms.

The Regent ordered the salute to the King Emperor and the Duce to which he was answered by the exultant cry of the 600 organized by the G.I.L.E and all the compatriots.

The Director of Schools Peter Miraglia, addressed words of vibrant enthusiasm to the compatriots, speaking to the hearts of the children by explaining for them the significance of the ceremony; he addressed gratitude to our loved Duce that he has good wishes for every Italian child, on the day of the Epiphany feast.

The Balilla Giovanni Pace read an address to the Regent, gratefully thanking him in the name of the School for the affectionate interest shown in every occasion for the Italian children.

The Regent, embraced and kissed the little sailor, while those present applauded enthusiastically and soon after he turned his salute to the compatriots who crowded the immense courtyard. He praised the untiring and silent work of the Italian School of

Sfax that works in depth and not superficially. Words of deep satisfaction were directed to the teacher Giovannini, Mrs. Beretta Maria, and to Mrs. Battaglia Rosina pointing them out to the gratitude of the colony because they, with love and self-sacrifice, have spared no effort to collect the waves that have realized the desire of every child.

Then the recitation of the little ones from the kindergartens of Sfax-center and Pic-Ville begins, spontaneous, harmonious recitation that was touching and drew applause.

The little ones of Pic-Ville with "Befanella" an allegorical ballet by the teachers Valeri-Darmon and Battaglia; the children of the kindergarten of Sfax-center with "The Three Colors" from teacher Tosi and "One, two and three" from teacher Sorrentino. The warm applause of those present demonstrated that every expectation had been exceeded. And between them a declamation and a duet, songs of the Homeland, accompanied on the pianoforte by Signores Darmon and Serantini, guided skillfully by Signore Giacobbe Ripari. Sensitive songs that have provoked the maximum applauses with the chorus in two voices of the hymn "The Balilla Moschettiere".

At last, after enjoying an hour of peace and joy amongst our children, being valuable little artists, Sig. Regent, having the intention once again to express his high satisfaction and his admiration for how much our school is doing for the colony of Sfax, began the distribution of the numerous gifts that have exceeded by far what have been achieved in the years gone by.

There has been distributed 240 pairs of shoes, 160 aprons, 450 packages of cakes, 150 full [colzettine] of cakes and fruit then for the kindergarten and finally [colettini], hampers of fruit and pastry.