

Book on Italian Days

'L'Ente Nazionale Industrie Turistiche', Via Marghera 6, at Rome has just published a remarkable book fully illustrated which is a welcome addition to the collection of books treating on the subjects of Art and Sport which we think worth mentioning. The texts and illustrations (some of them are in colour) are highly suggestive. This work deals with the following subjects: 'Art and Sport', 'Antiquity of Sport', 'Jousts and Poetry', 'Renascency of Sport', and 'Popular Games'. The preface is written by Alfonso du Paolo, Managing Director of the E.N.I.T.

This year's Book on Italian Days is devoted to Sport in Art, which coincides favourably with a memorable event of international importance which affects primarily Italy and is to take place in 1960, we refer to the Games of the XVIIth Olympiad (not the XVIIth Olympic Games, *Ed.*) in Rome.

The purpose of this book is to draw the attention of foreigners on the rich heritage of touristic interest Italy can offer both in sport and art. The texts and illustrations of 'Italian Days' prove their ancient tradition which can be traced in the works on Art throughout the ages. The continuity of this tradition, its modes of expression through the various epochs are recorded in a striking manner in the successive chapters of this book, the first chapter deals with the birth and development of Sport in the classical times of antiquity. This volume embraces everything conjuring the past, it evokes the Greek and Etruscan tradition, jousts and combative sports of the Middle Ages, it emphasizes the importance and influence of sport in literature and the epics of knight-errantry so typically Italian. The work ends by a chapter describing the Popular Games of the XVIIth and the XVIIIth centuries, periods which opened a new road to modern sport, converting the latter in spectacular sport performance.

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A joy in store for the prospective visitor is a call at the Art and Sport Exhibition which is being organized in Rome in connection with the Games of the XVIIIth Olympiad, an outstanding event in every respect.
