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(8). TITLE.:- BIRTHDAY OF ROME.

Picture.:- Many happy returns of the day to Rome !
It has been in existence 2,684 --

--years ! The anniversary is celebrated by a great
rally of Fascisti --

--in the Piazza di Siena. To-day the symbolical ceremony
of raising the "Boy Fascists" to the grade of "Young Men" is
carried out in the presence --

--of Signor Mussolini. Two "boys" and two "young men"
face His Excellency, and on --

--the order, the elders invest the youngsters with the
kerchiefs and cords of their new status. Thereafter --

--the new recruits, some of whom are mere babies, march past
their Chief in quite creditable military formation.

Il Duce takes the salute. It must be particularly--

--pleasing to him, that the ranks of Fascism are swelling at
this rate. Eventually --

--they all enter the ranks of the main body - the Militia.

Even the girls are martial minded, and are recruited,
somewhat on the lines of our own Girl Guides.