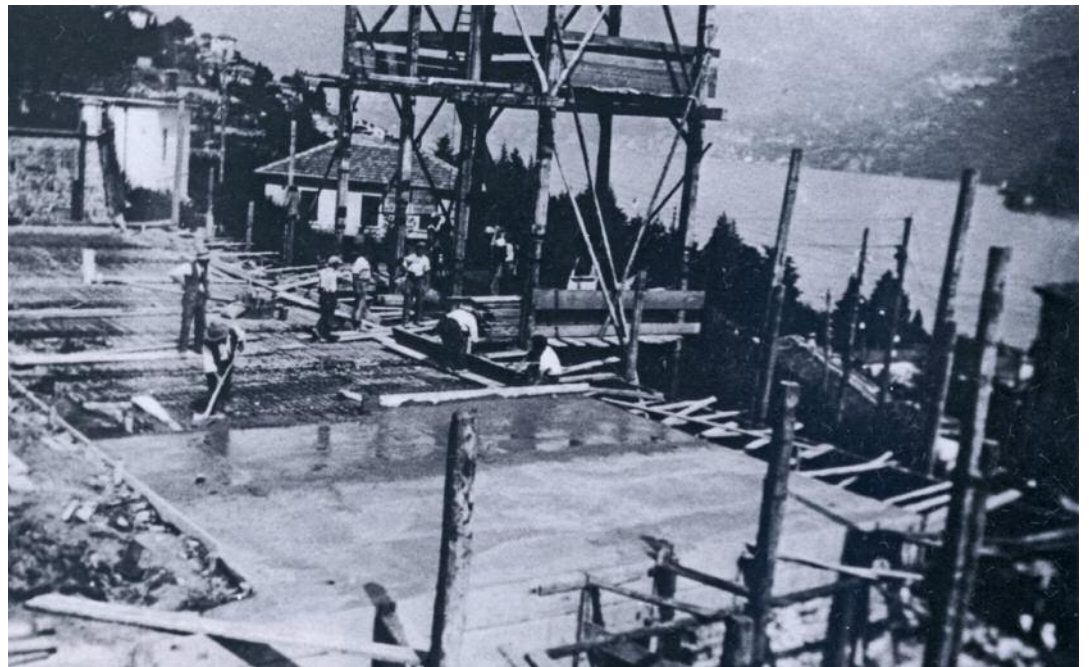




# Primary School

During the Thirties, notable works of public construction took place in Moltrasio, including the restoration of the Parish Church's façade and the demolition of the ancient "cuèrt" – a covered porch – and of the building that stood above it, where both the Municipality and the "Casa del fascio" (the local branch of the national fascist party) were previously located. These offices were

subsequently transferred to the building donated to the Municipality, decades before, by local philanthropist Antonio Besana. Since the Primary school was located in that building until then, the authorities decided to build a new one to this purpose. The new building, inaugurated on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1930, was named after General Antonio Cantore.



He was a career officer of the Alpini – elite troops of the Royal Italian Army –, veteran of the Italo-Turkish war. General Cantore was killed while fighting on the Dolomites mountains on July 1915, during the World War I. He was awarded the Gold Medal for military valor, the highest military award in Italy, and thus became one of the symbols of the bravery of the Alpine troops.

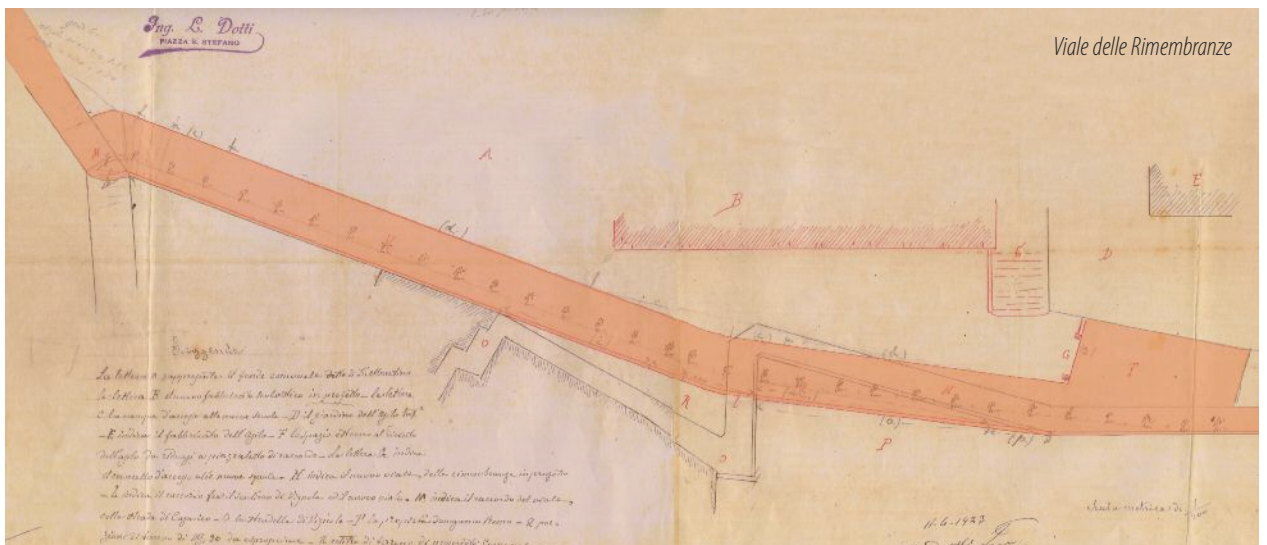
In the view of dedicating the new school to the memory of the Italian heroes, also the classrooms were named after the unredeemed martyrs Filzi, Sauro, Battisti, Chiesa and Venini, a native of Como member of the Alpini who was awarded the memory Gold Medal.

In addition, just near the new building was located the Garden of Remembrance, aimed

at organizing public ceremonies and commemoration.

Furthermore, a commemorative marble plaque was placed on the wall over the main stairway of the school building.

In a room on the ground floor near the gymnasium there is the seat of the local musical band “Corpo Musicale Moltrasio” which name well expresses its commitment to Moltrasio. Since 1855, foundation year, the band has been involved in the village life, playing during religious processions and taking part on civil demonstrations. Faithful to its roots and traditions, Corpo Musicale Moltrasio has been able to innovate itself over the years, driven by the passion for good music.



Generale Antonio Cantore

