



COMUNE DI SAN PELLEGRINO TERME
PROVINCIA DI BERGAMO

VILLA SPERANZA

1913



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Tourism in the early twentieth century was booming and 1908 was a record year with 40,000 visitors. It is not surprising that dozens of accommodation facilities and rooms-rental services flourished here, just as symptomatic is the construction of numerous private villas, commissioned mainly by wealthy middle-class people from nearby Milan. In 1904, the *Corriere di San Pellegrino*, the second local newspaper in addition to the *Giornale*, even described building in this resort as one of the best ways to earn a return on capital. The main villas were located along Viale della Vittoria, near the start of the funicular railway that led to the elegant residential area, the Vetta, as were the Belvedere district, above the Grand Hotel, and the Pernazzaro district, near the spring. What attracted the discerning and wealthy guests was not only the water and healthy air, but also the evening social scene with concerts and lavish balls, and the possibility of practicing various sports. Among the accommodation facilities built during those years was Villa Speranza, built in 1913 for Dr Tomaso Manfredini. Today, Villa Speranza houses the municipal library and the Brembano Museum of Natural Sciences.