

Speech at the “Cajeros” Square

May 21th 1921

It is not customary when receiving such a tribute for the person concerned to witness it himself, but in this present case I have to give an explanation of its significance.

I begged the mayor to give my name to the square of Cajeros.

Besides, I understand that these tributes are not measured by the value of the place where the event is held, but by the enthusiasm shown by those who attend.

When I was born there was no *Plaza de la Reina*, but there was a *Plaza de Cajeros*.

Even though all the streets and squares are the same for me, because they all belong to Valencia, which is my mother, I have had the egotism to ask that this square should bear my name, because it is the centre of the greatest activity, the one that is to be the starting point of the interior reform. And also because in this square, and precisely in the house where the tombstone has been placed, I was born into the literary world, fighting for my ideals in that weekly magazine entitled *La Bandera Federal*, whose editorial office was located on the first floor of that house.

I ask that the reforms of which the mayor has spoken to you be begun in this square, for as one born among merchants and the son of one of them, there is nothing better than to help the commercial movement of the great cities, which facilitate commercial traffic by wide roads.

As I am not a bird of passage; I am a son of Valencia, and you know that I am Valencian, I have the right to believe that I am in my mother's house, always hoping to be treated as a good son and that my ashes may one day rest in my beloved Valencia.