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MARCELO H. DEL PILAR - DEFINITIVE & OFFICIAL

**MARCELO H. DEL PILAR STAMP  
(1850 - 1896)**

In Cupang, Bulacan, was born on August 30, 1850, Marcelo H. del Pilar, better known under the pen-name of Plaridel. He was the youngest son of ten children of Julian H. del Pilar and Blasa Gatmaitan.

Like Rizal, his first teacher was his mother. Later he came to Manila where he attended the College of San Juan de Letran and then the University of Sto. Tomas where he studied law.

Early in his life he found out that his people were not treated right. As a brilliant lawyer, fired with love of country and hatred for injustice, Del Pilar used his forceful, militant pen in criticism of the abuses against his countrymen.

He fled from his country and stayed in Spain where he edited the voice of freedom-loving Filipinos, the "La Solidaridad."

He was the foremost Filipino propagandist of the revolutionary movement. He lived, suffered and died a pauper in Spain.

Historians consider Del Pilar as great as Rizal.

In honor of his memory, the Bureau of Posts issues today a regular Famous Filipino Series stamp in a denomination of 5-centavo (ordinary) and 5-centavo (O. B.) which have been intaglio steel plate printed at quantity of 25,000,000 and 5,000,000 of each kind respectively.

The stamp was designed by Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., philatelic artist, printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd. and comes in sheets of 100.

