



Carriedo Fountain. Built in 1882 to honor Francisco Carriedo who was the benefactor of Manila's first pipe water system, the Fountain is a prominent feature at Plaza Sta. Cruz facing the Church. Rizal observed that apart from transport purposes, the rivers along the *esteros* of Binondo were used for bathing, laundry, fishing, and even drinking water, which caused the water-borne epidemics in the area then. This inspired Rizal to spearhead a safe water system, which he engineered in 1895 while in exile in Dapitan, Zamboanga.