



Perhaps no other communication tool can beat letters in expressing oneself. Through letters, one is able to make oneself known, as one wishes to be known. And make himself known through his letters, Rizal brilliantly did so "as the man and the hero, the artist and the scientist, the idealist and the martyr".

In the same manner, Rizal relished letters to know about the people he cared for. While travelling in Europe, his friend and traveling companion Dr. Maximo Viola asked why Rizal treasured his letters so much that he carried them with him in his small bag all the time. Rizal shared how he enjoyed getting a glimpse of the character and mood of his family and friends, along with the changes in their lives, through their letters.