

Why I Became A Protestant

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CHAPTER EIGHT

TESTIMONIALS OF THE SPANISH PRESS CONCERNING LUIS PADROSA ROCA

Who is Father Padrosa?
(from *Villafranca del Panades*)

It is an event definitely worth underscoring that they have been able to get Father Luis Padrosa - a great psychologist and also a famous orator - to come to Villafranca to deliver a series of lectures intended exclusively for men. It is not our place now to gauge their immediate fruits but we can set forth that the interest he is going to arouse is extraordinary among us.

Father Padrosa has an eloquence which is solid and profound. He is of those who, with precise logic, go - as we say - right to the point. To this he adds clear, accurate diction which, without vain rhetorical ornamentation, shakes the soul and captivates the attention.

Moreover, be it known that wherever he has gone the halls have been filled to overflowing.

For several reasons, the simple announcement of this series of lectures for men only, in the Municipal Theater, on subjects whose suggestiveness no one can miss, during a week of this peaceful period of the year, so propitious for listening to the few questions which constantly harass men, is bound to produce the liveliest expectation.

- From a propaganda leaflet published by *Catholic Action*.

(From *Catalayud*)

The third lecture offered by Father Padrosa in the principal theater not only did not fall off in numbers but has posed the insoluble problem: there is no more room.

The workers exchange shifts in their industries, to take turns in hearing the learned words. The indifferent jam into the theater to get a seat as if it were a matter of a lecture just for them.

With convincing demonstrations and with unequalled elegance the audience has left the lecture enthusiastic, and it is expected that today, two hours ahead of time there will not be a vacant seat.

(From *Alicante*)

Our spirit, suffocated by the materialism which rarefies the air of our modern cities, received an upward push toward purer regions with the lectures of Father Padrosa. The hall where they have been given was not large enough. Loud speakers, strategically placed carried to the people standing in the streets the burning words of the imposing orator.

(From *Palma of Mallorca*)

The beautiful church of Palma of Mallorca is not large enough for the numerous assembly. Spiritual satisfaction and religious fervor are reflected in every countenance. Outside of the church, in the city and throughout the island, thousands of radio listeners listen to the ardent words of the eloquent orator.

(From *Badalona*)

Father Padrosa, with his burning, captivating words, kept a truly extraordinary crowd in intense emotion for an hour.

(From *Barcelona*)

And he employed a great virtue that not all lecturers are acquainted with: brevity. From that brevity, from that masterly diction and from those conclusive demonstrations, he secured for the following day an impressively full house, audience enough for two theaters; those who attended left the place changed into fervent propagandists.

(From *Seville*)

The organizers can be satisfied; the success has surpassed their most optimistic calculations, and they now have assured beforehand the growing continuance of the audience.

Father Padrosa has fully measured up to his fame as an extraordinary lecturer.

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