



TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA,
Recently Chosen President by the Cuban Revolutionists.

Tomas Estrada Palma was born in Bayamo, Cuba, July 9, 1853. After completing his studies in Havana he went to Seville, Spain, to read law, and then returned to his native city to practice. He was shortly after interested in the cause of Cuban independence, and soon rose to a commanding position in the small but rapidly increasing band of patriots who were working to create the sentiment that crystallized in the revolution of 1895-78. When the war broke out Palma was one of the first to take the field. He was elected a member of the Cuban congress later, and in the last years of the revolution he succeeded Cespedes in the presidency of the Republic of Cuba. It was while Palma was holding that position that the revolution collapsed. He was made a prisoner on Oct. 19, 1877, and, by order of the same General Martinez Campos who is conducting the campaign against the present revolutionists, taken to Havana, whence he was deported to Spain. Palma went to Central America after his release, and thirteen years ago established the college in Central Valley, N. Y., which he still conducts.