

President of Cuba.

Thomas Estrada Palma, who has been elected president by the Cuban insurgents, conducts a large seminary for the education of wealthy Cubans at Central Valley, but for years has been identified with schemes for the liberation of Cuba. He was born in Bayamo, Cuba, 60 years ago, and in 1868, at the beginning of the famous ten years' war, was elected to the chamber of deputies of the provisional government and took the field with a large body of Cuban troops. In 1875, before the great war closed,



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he was chosen president of the republic. In 1877 President Palma was captured by Spanish troops and placed in prison. When the war ended, a year later, he was set at liberty and made New York his home. A number of years ago he founded the Institute Estrada Palma at Central Valley and has about 50 pupils, the majority of whom are Cubans.