



GENERAL MAXIMO GOMEZ, 1823-1905.

Maximo Gomez, commander-in-chief of the Cuban revolutionary army during the last war for independence against Spain, was born in Santo Domingo in 1823 and died at Havana on June 17, 1905. As a young man he was a lieutenant in the Spanish army, but left the service of Spain after his family emigrated to Cuba. In 1868 he joined the Cuban patriot army, and continued to serve against Spain throughout the ten years' war, reaching high commands and achieving several noteworthy victories over the Spaniards. After the signing of the treaty of Zanjón, in 1878, Gomez was proscribed, and retired to the island of Jamaica, where he continued to live as a farmer until the outbreak of the Cuban revolution in 1895 under José Martí. When Gomez landed in Cuba in the spring of 1895, he was at once made commander-in-chief of the insurgent troops, and from that time until the declaration of war between the United States and Spain, in 1898, Gomez was the chief personality in the unequal contest with Spain. His Fabian tactics were repeatedly successful in outflanking the Spanish forces, and, although vastly outnumbered, he succeeded in delivering telling blows against the Spanish army in the field. At the close of the Spanish-American War, Gomez did much to secure friendly relations with the United States, and used his influence to secure the election of President Palma. On the day before his death, the Cuban Senate passed a bill to present \$100,000 to the general.