

# The Indian Element in the Brazilian Population

The Indian element is really predominant in the States bathed by the Amazon River. But, it is available all over Brazil, as, for instance, in the midlands of the so-called Nordeste (Northeast), though, to some extent, modified by intermixtures. Straight hair and high cheekbones are very frequent here.

To this vigorous and pertinacious population belong all those gigantic representatives of Brazilian Culture. Poets, prosewriters, philosophers and scientists came out of it, to honor their country and enrich human knowledge.

Among so many others, the following are to be remembered: **Euclides da Cunha**, the greatest stylist of our literature; **Coelho Neto**, a fecund prosewriter; **Capistrano de Abreu**, who achieved fame as a historian; **Rocha Pombo**, an excellent historian, too; **José Veríssimo**, a marvellous critic and scholar; **Silvio Romero**, critic and philosopher of uncommon talent and skill; **Franklin Távora**, **João Francisco Lisboa**, and **Odorico Mendes**, are some other names of first-rate men of letters.

So far as political affairs are concerned, we come across: **Marshal Floriano Peixoto**, **Quintino Bocaiuva**, **Benjamin Constant**, **Diogo Feijó**, **Prefeito (Mayor) Pereira Passos**, **Assis Brasil**, **Joaquim Murtinho**, **João Alfredo (Conselheiro)**, etc.

The military career comprises: **General Osório**, **General Tibúrcio**, **General Rondon**, etc. On the other hand, many priests and ecclesiastical people have lived in Brazil, who carried Indian blood: **Cardeal Arcoverde**, **Padre Ibiapina**, **D. Romualdo de Seixas**, etc.

In the field of art, **Pedro Américo** and **Carlos Gomes** are topmost.

Finally, from colonial times to the Twentieth Cen-

tury, in the many sectors of human activity, we cannot help mentioning: **José Basílio da Gama**, **Felipe Camarão**, **Albuquerque Maranhão**, **Tibiriçá**, **Barão de Penedo**, **Brandão de Amorim**, **João Mendes**, **Augusto de Mendonça**, **Adelino Fontoura**, **Teófilo Dias**, **Augusto dos Anjos**, **Pontes de Miranda**, **Érico Veríssimo**, **Assis Chateaubriand**, **Agamenon Magalhães** and many others.

That is what Indian blood means to Brazil.