Santa Maria. city, existed only nine years, at the end of which the inhabitants and the Episcopal See were transferred to Panama. Ojeda and Nicuessa did not succeed in their colonization, and the name of Castilla de Oro disappears with the latter, and geographers err in giving it in their maps. That of New Andalusia has been transferred, by some geographers at least, towards the coast of Cumana.

1511.

Cuba. Diego Velasquez took possession of the island of Cuba in the name of Admiral Don Diego Colon, who invested him with the government.

Malacca. In the month of August of this same year the great Albuquerque made himself master of Malacca, and there received the ambassadors of the king of Siam, who came to congratulate him on that conquest.

After this siege, Francisco Serrano and Diego de Abreu, who had served in it with distinction, were sent to discover the Moluccas. Having separated, Abreu first landed in Java, then discovered the island of Amboyna, which is surrounded by other little islands called the Amboynas. He then passed to the isles of Banda, but went no further. Serrano made his way to Ternate. The Moluccas are divided into the Great and Little. The latter are the Moluccas proper ; the chief islands are Ternate, Tidor or Tadura, Molir, Machim, and Bachian. The Great Moluccas are Gilolo, or Isle Moro, called also by the Portuguese Patochine ; the Little Moluccas, which lie near it, are called on the maps Archipelago del Moro. The other great Moluccas are Amboyna, Banda, Timor, and Celebes, or Macassar, so called from the two kingdoms which divide it.

Java.
Amboyna.

Moluccas.

1512.

Florida. John Ponce de Leon, the conqueror of Porto Rico, seeking a fountain of youth which had been represented to him as existing on the island of Bimini, one of the Bahamas, found himself by chance in sight of a great land. He disembarked and called it Florida, some say because it was in Easter-week ; according to others, because he found the fields enamelled with flowers. He also discovered several small islands, which he called The