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FLORIDA MANUSCRIPTS

The Newberry Library of Chicago has issued an extensive (295 p.), carefully compiled, and uncommonly well-printed *Check List of Manuscripts in the Edward E. Ayer Collection*. This is one of the important collections for historical research in the country and contains much Florida material of the colonial period. There are a few later items, among which are: a letter (4p.) from Zachary Taylor to Richard K. Call, 1839; an original despatch concerning the Dade massacre; and a bounty subscription list, 1836. It is hoped that when opportunity offers, these may appear in the Quarterly.

There are some original documents and other papers of the colonial period, especially "Reconocimiento del Puerto y Baia de Pansacola" of Siguenza y Gongora (May, 1693, 52p) *; but of greater general importance are the voluminous transcripts and photostats of Florida material in the Archivo General de Indias, Seville; Archivo Historico Nacional, Madrid; and Archivo Nacional, Cuba-the latter containing many letters and other papers of Bernardo de Galvez. From the Archivo Historico Nacional is a transcript of Pulgar's extensive and serviceable manuscript chronicle, *Historia general de Florida*.

The Society's library acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a copy of the Check List.

*See *Fla. Hist. Soc. Quarterly*, IV (Jan. 1929) p. 76, n1.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HISTORICAL ESSAY CONTEST

The ninth annual essay contest for a silver cup awarded by the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus, was won by Francis X. Heidrich of St. James High School, Orlando. The contest is open to students in high school classes of the Catholic parochial schools or academies in Florida, and to the Catholic students of other high schools of Florida where there is no parochial school. The subject for this contest was The Border Wars between the English Colonies of the Carolinas and Georgia and Spanish Florida and the Consequent Destruction of the Franciscan Missions. One hundred thirty-six students of the following schools wrote essays: Gesu High School, Miami; St. James, Orlando; St. Anastasia, Fort Pierce; Our Lady of Mercy, Ybor City; St. Joseph's Academy, St. Augustine; Convent of Mary Immaculate; St. Joseph's Academy, Jacksonville; St. Paul's, Jacksonville; Immaculate Conception, Jacksonville. The essays were judged by Professor A. J. Hanna of Rollins College.