

CHAPTER III

THE VISION AND CALL TO SERVICE

(A.D. 1266-1267)

“I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, . . . and your young men shall see visions.”—*Joel ii. 28.*

WHEN St. Paul told King Agrippa the story of his life, the key of it lay in the words, “I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.” The angel had come to him and called him straight away from his career as arch-persecutor. All that he had done or meant to do was now of the past. He arose from the ground and took up his life again as one who could not be disobedient to his vision. It was a vision of Christ that made Paul a missionary. And his was not the last instance of the ful-