

CHAPTER IV

PREPARATION FOR THE CON- FLICT

(A.D. 1267-1274)

“ Sive ergo Mahometicus error hæretico nomine deturpetur; cive gentili aut pagano infametur; agendum contra eum est, scribendum est.”—*Petrus Venerabilis*, † 1157.

“ Aggredior vos, non ut nostri sæpe faciunt, armis, sed verbis, non vi sed ratione, non odio sed amore.”—*Ibid.*

By his bold decision to attack Islam with the weapons of Christian philosophy, and in his lifelong conflict with this gigantic heresy, Lull proved himself the Athanasius of the thirteenth century. The Moham-
medan missionary problem at the dawn of the twentieth century is not greater than it was then. True, Islam was not so extensive, but it was equally aggressive, and,