

Biography of Raymund Lull

pupil. In the midst of their studies, on one occasion the Saracen blasphemed Christ. How, we are not told; but those who work among Moslems know what cruel, vulgar words can come from Moslem lips against the Son of God. When Lull heard the blasphemy, he struck his slave violently on the face in his strong indignation. The Moslem, stung to the quick, drew a weapon, attempted Lull's life, and wounded him severely. He was seized and imprisoned. Perhaps fearing the death-penalty for attempted murder, the Saracen slave committed suicide. It was a sad beginning for Lull in his work of preparation. Patience had not yet had its perfect work. Lull felt more than ever before, "He that loves not lives not." The vision of the thorn-crowned Head came back to him; he could not forget his covenant.

Altho he retired for eight days to a mountain to engage in prayer and medita-