

At Montpellier, Paris, and Rome

lands in order to testify of Thy holy ministry, of Thy blessed incarnation, and of Thy bitter sufferings, that would be a glorious day, a day in which that glow of devotion would return with which the holy apostles met death for their Lord Jesus Christ." *

Lull longed with all his soul for a new Pentecost and for world-wide missions. Montpellier was too small to be his parish, altho he was but a layman. His ambition was, in his own words, "to gain over the shepherds of the Church and the princes of Europe" to become missionary enthusiasts like himself. Where should he place his fulcrum to exert leverage to this end save at the very center of Christendom? Popes had inaugurated and promoted the crusades of blood; they held the keys of spiritual and temporal power; their command in the Middle Ages was as a voice from

* "Liber Contemplationis in Deo," cx., 28. Tom. ix., 246.