

Biography of Raymund Lull

second great journey to North Africa, Lull preached and taught in various places, as we shall see later.

In 1310 the veteran hero, now seventy-five years old, attempted once more to influence the heart of Christendom and to persuade the pope to make the Church true to its great mission.

Full of his old ardor, since he himself was unable to attempt the great plans of spiritual conquest that consumed his very heart, he conceived the idea of founding an order of spiritual knights who should be ready to preach to the Saracens and so recover the tomb of Christ by a crusade of love.* Pious noblemen and ladies of rank at Genoa offered to contribute for this object the sum of thirty thousand guilders. Much encouraged by this proof of interest,

* Not, as wrongly stated in some articles about Lull, a proposal to use force of arms. Cf. Noble, p. 116, and Maclear, p. 366, with footnote in latter from "Liber Contemplationis in Deo," cxii., 11.