

CHAPTER VI

HIS FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY TO TUNIS

(A.D. 1291-1292)

“ In that bright sunny land
Across the tideless sea, where long ago
Proud Carthage reared its walls, beauteous and fair,
And large Phenician galleys laden deep
With richest stores, sailed bravely to and fro—
Where Gospel light in measure not unmixed
With superstitions vain, burned for a time,
And spread her peaceful conquests far and wide,
And gave her martyrs to the scorching fire—
There dwells to-day a darkness to be felt ;
Each ray of that once rising, growing light
Faded and gone.”

—*Anon.*

WHEN Raymund Lull met with disappointment on his first visit to Rome, he returned for a short time to Paris, as we have seen, and then determined to set out as a missionary indeed to propagate the faith