CHAPTER VIII

RAYMUND LULL AS PHILOSOPHER AND AUTHOR

"He was at once a philosophical systematizer and an analytic chemist, a skilful mariner and a successful propagator of Christianity,"—Humboldt's "Cosmos," ii., 629.

"Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh."—Ecclesiastes.

It will be difficult in one short chapter to crowd an account of Lull's philosophy, which for two centuries after his death perplexed the genius of Europe, and to enumerate even a small number of the vast library of books which have Lull for their author. One does not know which to admire most—the versatile character of the genius, or the prodigious industry of the author.

Raymund Lull was from his youth a