

Biography of Raymund Lull

“ The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain ;
His blood-red banner streams afar
Who follows in His train ?

“ Who best can drink His cup of wo
Triumphant over pain ;
Who patient bears His cross below
He follows in His train.

“ A glorious band, the chosen few
On whom the Spirit came ;
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew
And mocked the cross and flame.

“ They climbed the steep ascent of heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain ;
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train.”

The dangers and difficulties that made Lull shrink back from his journey at Genoa in 1291 only urged him forward to North Africa once more in 1314. His love had not grown cold, but burned the brighter “ with the failure of natural warmth and the weakness of old age.” He longed not only for the martyr’s crown, but also once more to see his little band of believ-