

Biography of Raymund Lull

works on various sciences, but most of all preparing his works of controversy and seeking to propagate his ideas of world-conquest. In one of his books he prays fervently that "*monks of holy lives and great wisdom should form institutions in order to learn various languages and to be able to preach to unbelievers.*" The times were not ripe.

At length, tired of seeking aid for his plans in which no one took interest, he determined to test the power of example. Altho in his fifty-sixth year, he determined to set out alone and single-handed and preach Christ in North Africa. Of this first missionary voyage our next chapter contains an account.

On his return from Tunis, 1292, Lull found his way to Naples. Here a new influence was brought to bear on his character. He made the acquaintance of the alchemist and pious nobleman, Arnaud