

# Biography of Raymund Lull

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## CHAPTER I

### EUROPE AND THE SARACENS IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY

(A.D. 1200-1300)

"Altho the history of an age is going on all at once, it can not be written all at once. Missionaries are proceeding on their errands of love, theologians are constructing their systems, persecutors are slaying the believers, prelates are seeking the supremacy, kings are checking the advance of the churchman—all this and an infinitude of detail is going on in the very same period of time."—*Shedd's "History of Doctrine."*

WE can not understand a man unless we know his environment. Biography is a thread, but history is a web in which time is broad as well as long. To unravel the