I'd like to begin this morning with two verses of the Scripture
First I will read a portion of 1 Cor. 9:16 where Paul says: Woe is me if
I preach not the gospel." Then 1 Cor.3:6 where Paul says: "I have planted,
Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." Paul was a great planter and
this morning I want to introduce to you one who was very like the Apostle
Paul, one who was perhaps as great a planter who has ever lived since the
time of Paul. This man I want to introduce to you is Raimond Lull. He was
a Spainiard who was born in 1235 A.D. It is 700 years since Raimond Lull
lived. He was a planter but there was no one to water. And God gave some
very fine increase for a brief time, but over a period most of the results
of his work were lost. It is given to some people of stepping out and
witnessing at a time when the tide is so moving that trmmendous accomplish-
ment is made, and one just sees the results flowing in and it is very
exhilerating. And it is given to others to struggle and fight and strive
to serve the Lord, and be at a time when the tide is moving the other way
or when the background of the situation is such that it is impossible to
show much lasting result. Which of the two types will receive the greatest
honor from the Lord? It is hard to say. We have to know the full situation
of each one. Raimond Lull is a man whom we can admire, for in spite of
great difficulties and obstacles he continued to the very end of his life
to do the == his utmost to plant the Word of God.

Now Raimond Lull was a man whose life was changed tremendously when
he was about 30 years of age. He had been born of a well to do family on
the island of Majordan(??)   an island which had recently at that time
been reconquered by the Spainiards after having been held by the Moors for
a long time. As you know at about 600 A.D., I guess it was nearer 700, the
came
Saracens/up from N. Africa, and bompletely conquered SainSpain and went into
France and it looked as though they were going to conquer all Europe until