

Order of the Preaching Brethren. They abandoned their old monastery in the neighborhood of the city."

Another manuscript chronicled in French language, as it was written and spoken in the year 1676, narrates the same facts, but with some variations. The anonymous chronicler says:

"In the year 1248, King Louis, after having summoned some of our Fathers from Mount Carmel, in Palestine, a land over the sea, and after having brought them into his own kingdom of France, by request of the Count of Toulouse, sent some of the monks to this city of Toulouse, in order that they should establish themselves there in one of the suburbs of Toulouse, namely that of Faubourg St. Michel, commonly called Feretra. At that place there still stands a chapel, erected in honor of the glorious St. Roche. But in the course of time the brethren, seeing that they were too far removed from the city, and consequently being unable to satisfy their ardent zeal for the conversion of infidels and especially Jews—they besought most earnestly the bishop and the magistrates, to grant them a site within the city. Their desire was complied with, though the place given to them was very unhealthy, on account of malaria and bad odors. Nevertheless the brethren without any objections most willingly accepted the place offered to them. They did not mind this pestilential spot, because their highest interest was the glory of God and the salvation of souls. The brethren had hardly established themselves there when by the good example of their sanctified lives, by their teaching and by their learned sermons, the infidels were converted and left that place entirely to them. After this the brethren moved their

oratory, or chapel, which they had at the foresaid Faubourg, on account of the great atrocities and blasphemies which the above mentioned Jews incessantly committed against the honor of God and His holy Mother. It now became a place of benediction and sanctification of souls by the great wonders which God worked there, and by means of the wonderful miracles which happened there during a very long time afterwards. These wonderful beginnings were nothing but a result of the zeal which the glorious Saint Louis had shown by bringing the above mentioned monks into his kingdom and there placing them in different regions, principally here in this place. He was recognized as the real founder, and in the same way did his successors act by bestowing favors and privileges upon us which can be seen in the documents of Kings Charles, Louis and Francis, and in their royal letters, given in the chancellorry of this city, dated in the year 1313, the sixteenth year of the rule of King Louis of France."

The Bull confirming the establishment of the Carmelites in the interior of the city of Toulouse, was issued in the year 1261 by Pope Clements IV: of sacred memory.

This is the translation of the Bull:

"Clement Bishop, servant of the servants of God, to our well beloved sons the Prior and the brethren of the church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Toulouse, of the order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, greeting and Apostolic blessing.

"Every time when a just and honest thing is asked for, equity and good order demand, on account of the solicitude incumbent on our office, that this supplication obtain its necessary effect. Therefore, your petition which has been