



Africa and the Beginnings of Christian Latin Literature (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Africa and the Beginnings of Christian Latin Literature The great part played by North Africa in fixing the type of western Christianity was of course no mysterious accident. It was the natural result of the dominating influence of Africa in the Roman world throughout the period when Christianity was establishing itself in the West and fitting itself for its world-wide mission. This dominating influence was manifested in every sphere of life and was fairly symbolized by the ascension of sons of Africa to the imperial throne not merely in such shadows as Didius Julianus and Albinus, Macrinus, Aemilianus, and Memorius, but in a founder of a dynasty like Septimius Severus. The senate is spoken of by Fronto as in his day crowded with Africans, and at the same period the consulate appeared almost their peculiar possession.⁴ It was, however, in the domain of the intellectual life that African dominance had become most apparent.⁵ The eagerness with which letters were cultivated in the country of the Atlas, from the earliest days of the settlement of the provinces, is attested by...



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