

as well as on a mastery of many texts and it is very obviously inspired by a deep affection and sympathy for everything Ethiopian. There are nearly one hundred and seventy illustrations and a consistently high standard of accuracy. Perhaps there is a lack of proportion in its crowded detail. But if it is a quarry rather than a building, it is a quarry for which every student of African history will be permanently grateful.
G.M.

ROMAN SPAIN. By F. J. Wiseman. (Bell; 18s. 6d.)

This is an admirably illustrated guide to the chief Roman remains in Spain and Portugal. Inevitably there are omissions like that of the site at Carteia. Perhaps more avoidably there is some oddly slipshod history; Arius becomes Bishop of Alexandria, Hadrian is brought up in Rome by his 'Uncle Trojan', the Christian Church is established as the official religion of the Empire before the middle of the third century (p. 222). But it is more important that it is written throughout from first-hand knowledge of the sites and with an infectious zest.

G.M.

THE CYRENAICAN EXPEDITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER IN 1952. Edited by Alan Rowe. (Manchester University Press; 25s.)

This report of archaeological fieldwork in Cyrenaica falls into three parts: a study in tombs by Mr Rowe, an account of town planning by Mr Buttle, a list of Jewish inscriptions by Dr Gray. The last is the most valuable for it illustrates vividly the life of a Hellenized Jewish community in North Africa, primarily in the first century A.D. There is an occasional odd misprint: 'the Christian Emperor Diocletian' appears on page 3. There is an occasional assertion that seems too positive: the very enigmatic, possibly Gnostic, scrawl reproduced on page 59 is entitled 'a Hebrew Christian Monogram'. It may be suggested that much more use might have been made of air photography as a guide. But, taken as a whole, the report illustrates how much useful work can still be done by field survey without excavation.

G.M.

ARNOLD TOYNBEE. A STUDY OF HISTORY. ABRIDGEMENT OF VOLUMES VII-X. By D. C. Somervell. (Oxford University Press; 25s.)

Mr Somervell's abridgement has been made in collaboration with Professor Toynbee, who describes it in a preface as 'first-rate'. It can therefore be taken as a reliable guide to the general argument and structure of his great work which it compresses to a size which busy people may hope to tackle. Those who have read the original ten volumes will also find the abridgement valuable, and not least perhaps