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DR MOSS has written a learned book (152 pages of text, 87 of notes and bibliography), thoughtful with an intriguing idea. His theme is the controversy between Severus and Julian of Halicarnassus, the point at issue being the incorruptibility of Christ's body. For Julian it was the incorruptibility of paradisaical man constituted as such from the moment of divine incarnation; for Severus that of the crucified, resurrected, and ascended Lord. The controversy was conducted intemperately at least on Severus' part. Julian's words have largely to be deduced from Severus' repetition of them. Here Dr Moss does a convincing job and I am willing to follow him for the most part when he inevitably fills in the gaps. His intriguing idea is to treat the notion of Christ's body under three aspects: as church,...

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