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by our Lord. Hence, tendency and development in the interests of edification have not had time to modify the writer's materials; they retain their earliest form and colour. This, though not a new argument, is one of the most important. To such a circle of believers as that referred to, the idea of a Virgin Birth was far more likely to prove a stumbling-block than a help, and on pp. 174, 175 Mr. Box makes the useful point that the appearance of this idea in the most markedly Jewish parts of the New Testament, is a matter that requires to be accounted for by a somewhat more convincing method than that *e.g.* of "insertion."

We commend this book to those who wish to weigh for themselves the value of the documentary evidence. We may not be able to say that the Virgin Birth is a *sine qua non* of the Incarnation, for our ignorance is too profound, but we may certainly say that it is one of the safeguards of the doctrine. Granted an Incarnation, a Virgin Birth is altogether congruous with it: abandon the Virgin Birth, and the central doctrine of the Incarnation is immediately endangered.

JOHN A. F. OSSORY.

THE BOOK OF ENOCH. By R. H. Charles. With Introduction by W. O. E. Oesterley.

THE TESTAMENTS OF THE TWELVE PATRIARCHS. By R. H. Charles. With Introduction by W. O. E. Oesterley.

THE APOCALYPSE OF EZRA (4 Esdras). By C. H. Box. (S.P.C.K.) 2s. 6d. each.

These three volumes belong to the Series *Translations of Early Documents* which are being issued under the editorship of Dr. Oesterley and Canon Box. They deserve a wide circulation, as they bring within the reach of all documents which hitherto have been only accessible in expensive editions. The Introductions by Dr. Oesterley are excellent, they are suggestive and helpful, and indicate the main points of interest for the student. The text of the *Book of Enoch* and *The Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs* is that given by Dr. Charles in his editions. Dr. Box gives a translation of *The Apocalypse of Ezra* from the Syriac text, with some useful notes. We welcome these publications most heartily, and shall look with interest for the other volumes of the series.

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THE DIVINE PURSUER. By Rev. J. Spence Johnston. 1s. 8d.

Mr. Johnston was a distinguished graduate of Trinity College, and many who knew and valued him will be glad to have this little volume as a memorial of one who was much loved during his brief ministry in the Church Militant. The sermons are brief but pointed, and are full of thought clearly expressed. One which gives its title to the book is based on Francis Thompson's haunting poem, and another on the picture of Hope by Watts. The last sermon, on Easter Day, is an excellent example of what such a sermon ought to be.