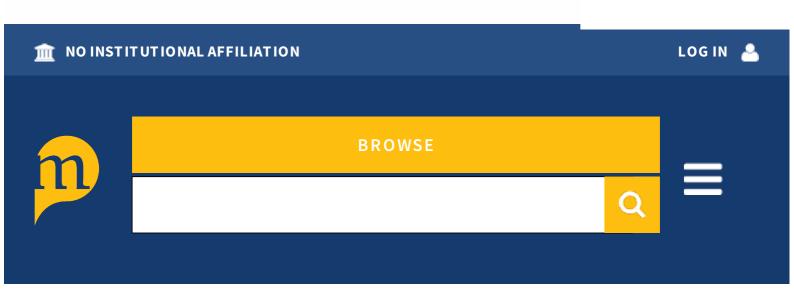
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1. A. Nyjtjen, Agate and Doss, part 2, vol. 1, trans. P. S. Witson (London: SPCK, 1938), 49–72. A recent book devoted to Justin's exegutic practice is W. A. Shotwell, The Bubility English of Justine Marry (London: SIXIK, 1967), A. Grillandon, Christ in Christian Tossibion, ed. 1 (London: Moschrays, 1975), 90, anserves that the normal of Christ as Numbs is carried over to the Acobygos, though be does not strempt the consistent training of the team Justin offered lace.

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