

DR. PALMAGE'S SERMON

The Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "Revision of Creeds."

TEXT: "Loose him, and let him go."—John 8: 14.

My Bible is, at the place of this text, written all over with lead pencil marks made last December by Bethany...

What a time we have had with the dogmatic, the apologetic and the hermeneutic. The defect in some of the creeds is rapidly being told us all about the decrees of God...

Amid the awful hush of the tomb the resurrection begins to ascend. The eyes of the slumberer open and he rises and comes to the foot of the steps and with great difficulty begins to ascend...

The unfortunate thing now is that so many Christians are only liberated. They have been raised from the death and burial of sin into spiritual life...

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