

PRESBYTERIAN CREED REVISION.

Rev. Dr. Dickey Talks of the Committee's Recommendations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 28.—The Rev. Dr. Dickey of Philadelphia, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly and member of the Committee of Creed Revision, which made a report Friday, is in St. Louis. When seen in regard to the committee's report, Dr. Dickey said:

"I do not wish to predict any action on the part of the General Assembly, because no one can tell what is likely to be done in the matter of adopting or rejecting our recommendations for alterations in the phraseology of the Confession of Faith.

Those recommendations were made by a committee consisting of nine ministers and seven laymen, representing every shade of opinion held by members of the Presbyterian Church. Every article in its report, with the exception of that relating to the preparation of a summary of the reformed faith, was adopted unanimously.

"Personally, I do not think the recommendations of the Committee on Creed Revision, if accepted by the Presbyterian Church, would mean any change in our dogmas. The recommendations attempt only to explain some points of faith that are not fully understood, and emphasize others that are inadequately appreciated."

"A DOCTRINE OF GHOSTS."

The Rev. Dr. Eckman Preaches on Theosophy, Christian Science, Spiritualism, and Other Subjects.

Theosophy, Confucianism, spiritualism, Christian science, and other kindred subjects were touched upon by the Rev. George P. Eckman, Ph. D., in his evening sermon yesterday at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, West End Avenue and Eighty-sixth Street. His topic was "Anything but Christ," and he sought to show the modern tendency to echo the old cry of the Jews, "Away with Him; away with Him," in the following which many recent developments in religion were drawing to them.

Theosophy, he said, was "simply a refined doctrine of ghosts," and that its claims, as represented by Mme. Blavatsky, had been entirely disproved by the Psychological Society of London. He referred to the recent utterances on Confucianism by Minister Wu at a time when, as he said, the followers of that faith by murder and rapine were doing their utmost to overthrow the work of Christianity in China.

The speaker found little to commend in Spiritualism, and of Christian Science he said its doctrine finally resolved itself into the old axiom, "What is matter? Never mind. What is mind? No matter. What is the soul? It is immaterial."

Dr. Eckman thought that the present reason for the spread of these beliefs was due to a lack of trained thinking, the itch for novelty, the pride of intellect which led persons to seek prestige by espousing something new, and finally to repugnance to the restraints of Jesus Christ.

In considering these subjects the speaker advised his hearers, first, to subject them to the test of reason; second, to observe their practical results among men; and lastly, to weigh them through his personal experience.

MAN AND RELIGION.

Dr. Eaton's View of Those Who Try to Live Up to Their Standards.

The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Eaton last night delivered an address at the Church of the Divine Paternity, Seventy-sixth Street and Central Park West, on "Young Men and Religion."

"Young men," said he, "sometimes say that when the various churches can come to some agreement as to what the truth is, they will think it time to think seriously about religion, but that when the churches themselves are so divided they hardly think it worth while. But when we speak of religion we do not mean merely Presbyterianism, or Universalism, or any other ism. Religion is something more profound than the creed of any one church. Religion means the conscious recognition of and reverence for God, and the faithful performance of our duties to our fellow-men.

"The measure of a man's excellence is the effort which he makes to live up to his standards. I have never yet met a young man, or an old man either, who refused to accept Christianity, who did not have some standards which they tried to live up to, and if they are not entirely successful, shall we say they are hypocrites? Most certainly not, and neither should we criticize clergymen too harshly if they exhibit the weaknesses common to all men."

BABY CAMEL IN THE GARDEN.

It Made an Unexpected Advent There Yesterday Morning.

There was a celebration in the menagerie of Forepaugh and Sells Brothers' Circus in Madison Square Garden yesterday morning. The cause was the unexpected advent of a brand-new camel.

Maud, a big dromedary, became a mother, and it was in celebration of that happy event that the trainers, employes, and others connected with the animals gave vent to their pleasure in various demonstrative ways. Peter Sells, one of the owners, was notified and hastened to the Garden to see the little one.

The baby camelp is the first one ever born in the Forepaugh and Sells Brothers' Shows.