

AMONG BEST OF HIS DISCIPLES

news of the Savior's presence to the mothers of Salem we are not informed, but so devoted a disciple, and thankful a believer, could hardly be expected to keep silence about Him in general conversation.

more and more popular, there are at had been to the cashier's out of the sepulcher. If thou hast borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, that I may take away that sacred body!" "Mary !" came the reply. The old familiar accent of tender care, of the familon parade on Fifth around, to Mar. Subdivision to place the family dollars, be gentie sympathy, of command, which had such good reason to remem.

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Mary of Magdala an Early Follower of the Savior.

There is a quite common opinion that Mary Magdalene was "the woman who was a sinner" mentioned in St Luke 7:88-50. That woman was evidently notorious for her sinful life, and on account of that opinion the Magdalene has come to be considered a kind of patron saint of depraved womanhood. Even the clergy sometimes use her as an example of the possibility of repentance bringing the vilest of the vile into the company of the blessed.

For this opinion there is not a vestige of proof in the Scriptures, nor does the most ancient tradition support it. We have not the faintest reason for thinking that Mary Magdalene was ever an abandoned woman! Te every careful reader of the New Testament it must be a matter to regret that the honorable name of the thankful, good woman, who was the first witness of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, should have been besmirched carelessly.

No doubt the mention of Mary Magdalene in the chapter next to the one that tells us of the sinful woman at the house of Simon the Leper (Luke 8) has had something to do with the forming of this wrong opinion. Certain authorities were in some cases inclined to identify that woman with Mary the sister of Lazarus, but that is not a popular opinion now with the commentators.

No doubt Mary was known as the Magdalene to distinguish her from the many other Marys, because she came from the town or village of Magdala, now el-Mejdel, on the west side of the Sea of Galilee. It may be that, as a lady of means, the title showed her local importance.

Mary's Call.

When encountered by our Lord, Mary was one of those afflicted with that awful and horrible complaint known as "possessed by the devil." Exactly what that was we do not know, for the disease is no longer in existence, but it was probably something resembling epilepsy, caused by a devilish assumption of power over humanity by Satan, at that time when the great conflict for the mastery of the world was at its extreme height.

Mary of Magdala was a sufferer from such possession to an unusual degree. "Seven devils," were cast out of her by Jesus Christ, either successively or at once, and her relief must have been excessive when Satan's power over her suffering body was broken, and she was a normally healthy woman again.

That she became from henceforth a disciple or follower of her Savior. along with some other women, was not to be wondered at, nor was it strange that in thankfulness, "she ministered to him of her substance." Whether she proclaimed the good

At any rate she followed after Jesus with faithfulness, and if on that dark betrayal night she was unaware of the treachery against Him, she followed along the way of sorrows to Calvary with His mother, and stood in anguish with her beside the cross of suffering.

At the Grave Side.

When Joseph of Arimathea had rescued the sacred body from ignominy, and with Nicodemus laid it decently in his new, rock-hewn tomb, the evangelists especially tell us Mary of Magdalu was there, and witnessed the hasty entombment.

For a time she and another Mary sat and wept beside the tomb as loving, mourning women will, until the duties of that last of the old Sabbaths called them away.

They had made their plans, however, and as soon as the Sabbath had passed-at sunset-hastened to buy, mix and prepare a great amount of spices, and no doubt more fine linen, to preserve, attire and do all honor to their Master's body,

Morning found them still at their task, and very early, before it was yet light, they stole out with their burdens to Joseph's garden in which was the sepulcher.

That the Roman governor's seal had been impressed upon wax over the sides and lintel of the doorway, a seal not to be broken with impunity, they would not know. Nor could they be aware of the guard of soldiers, Pilate, at the solicitations of the sanhedrin, had placed about the sepulcher

To their horror and surprise they found the stone rolled away, the sepulcher wide open, and timidly peeping in they saw no sign of the sacred body of their Lord!

Fearful that still further indignity had been offered Him, they hurried back, fast as their feet would carry them, to the house where Peter and John were lodging, breathlessly announcing "They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulcher!"

With headlong haste the two ran through the streets in the early dawn, dashed through the garden, and, Peter now in the lead, entered the tomb, to find grave clothes and head wrap all neatly folded, as though there had been no untimely haste about that departure from the grave. To the disciples came remembrances of His talk of "rising from the dead," and wonder as to what marvel might have occurred! The others must be told at once, and they hasten back to them with their news and surmises.

The Risen Lord.

The women had followed the two disciples to the sepulcher, and accompanied them back to the city. But not Mary Magdalene: Wondering, fearing, weeping, she stood in Joseph's garden, not knowing which way to turn in her grief.

A voice inquiring "Why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" only aroused a trifling interest. Without raising her head she made answer: "They have taken away my Master

she had such good reason to rememlips to utter was the one word "Rab- sive showing. boni;" My Master; My Master!

Jesus in actual verity, back from the dead! The marks of death still in side, hands and feet, but the same urrection, of the world of heaven to which the way was wide open, now shone in His face. He was clad in of mundane laws so as to pass where dashery or millinery industry. He would. But the same Jesus of Nazareth still !

First Apostle of Gospel.

Satan's ruin!

Easter morning!

Initiative Wins

afflicted that way the world would designer. cease to progress; for we are here today just because men of initiative have acted in the past. So it is well to be buoyant and brisk to take another step which will bring a benefit ing friends. both to ourselves and others.

them; but we have failed because and not to us. We need to arouse ourselves and go in and possess, otherwise we shall be left behind .-- Exchange.

Craw in a Tattie Field

country parish church a young min-cycle?"-Exchange. ister who, although a clever chap, is very much attracted to his "paper" during his sermon.

This failing of his does not find favor with a few of his congregation, and the other Sunday, as a few of pounds." them were going home from church, one of them, the village schoolmaster, remarked: "That was a very scholarly address we got today from the minister. Don't you think so, Mr. Blunt?" "Humph!" replied Mr. Blunt, a plain old farmer. "He jist minded me o' a craw in a tattie field; twa dabs an' a to take off the most fiesh."-- London look up !"-Toronto Globe.

Last year, depite somewhat threat while in it and would decide to buy ber, was in the word! In a very ening skies, it is estimated that no it. Of course she did not tell him agony of joy and amazement the wom- less than 200,000 persons paraded the that she had bought it already. But an was prostrate at His feet in ado- boardwalk in their Easter finery, and Mr. Buodgrass did not decide to buy terlate have bedy anong ration, while all she could make her. Fifth avenue made an equally improvit; in fact, he told his assistant that smoothly and sendy wow it she wanted his time again recom- can attick many parts of

Commerce Takes Hand. Aside from the apparently frivelous utter twaddle as that he would have beating. Don't stitch a set

aspect of these fashion demonstration get mother assistant. tions, however, they are coming to Still, since she was determined to That is a slow method, stilled Jesus! And yet not quite the same! have a very real commercial impor- leave, she decided to try her luck through the satire lot yes he The glory of the risen life, of the res- tance. It is in these parades that with the story again. She read it out, will you can do as more styles for the coming season in both and concluded that, though it was a rolding or beating. Keep the male and female wearing apparel are wild and foolish story, it was written each garment township. set, and it probably would be found in a style distinctly original, and through all the parments. the resurrection body, able to breathe that a startling percentage of those showed an amazing nonconformity to pressing falls, patting in the throngs of the boardwalk and the rules of most story writers. It whatever has to be the of earth, to cat earthly food or exist Fifth avenue were in some way or othe might therefore appeal to Mr. Snode the dresses are ready the without it, to move all independently er connected with the clothing, haber- grass as distinctly "modern". She chine work. By the th typed it on expensive paper without stitched them once more a Monufacturers, designers and buy- changing a single word or punctus- planty of "pick-up" work

ers from the great department stores tion mark. The next morning, before be done is odd minutes, The and exclusive mode shops are there, saying anything about leaving, the binding and bethenholes and

And Mary of Magdala was the first as well as less affinent, but no less showed the manuscript to him, inti- started, being to see it-she the physical shipwreck, carnest, village dremmakers and mil- mating that it had just been received. Intehing work, mach miraculously salvaged by His divine liners from the nearby towns, all eager Evidently he had forgotten the manu he is part done by hand. power from the sevenfold bonds of for the dernier cri in styles. script entirely, for early that after-By the same token, the artist, with noon he told Maude that the story who makes plany light.

Seldom has mortal experienced pad and pencil, has become so com- was "amaxing," and showed carmarks deeper, purer joy than that which mon a sight at these gatherings as to of a genius. "It's the sort of thing a stock design, may the found Mary in devotion at her Savior's pass almost unnoticed. Let a manni- that Chester Bawdish is writing." he feet in Joseph's garden, on that first kin from some exclusive women's said. "Just put a voucher through wear shop appear sporting the latest to the cashler. We'll pay five hun-Wonderful are the ways of our God ! creation of its chief designers, and dred for that."

The first apostles of the Savior's name she is likely to find herself with a But Maude had not the slightest and birth were a few poor shepherds self-appointed escort of four or five way of finding the whereabouts of the of Bethlehem; the first spostle of the of these sketch artists, wielding their author, and knew only that his name. Gospel of the Resurrection was a wom- pencils for dear life, and utterly ob- or assumed name, was John Davis an, one who had been on the threshold livious of the rest of their surround. She simply told. Mr. Snodgrass that the manuscript had come with no ad religious parents has be of hell, fast bound by Satan's power lings.

The week following, the houses they dress, and awalted developments, sayrepresent, and by whom they are often ing nothing for the time being con One Sunday his mother paid relatively high salaries, will be cerning her own intention of guitting prised and horrified to find When initiative is absent, we be able, thanks to the sketches, to offer her job. So it was decided to publish ing his for boat in the satisf come mechanical beings with no keen- the same model at perhaps a lower this amazing story with a great spinsh ness for advancement; and if all were figure than that quoted by the original _____as the manuscript of an unknown you know it's wicked is a

genius, unpaid for because said Sundar? rehius had failed to leave his add "Now used get excited. dress. For days after the issue of was the calm reply. "This

Spoiled the Effect Mr. and Mrs. Balley were entertain. Turner's Magazine this story was the pleasure excursion. This is a talk of reviewers. "Yes, I think I must get a car this Then one day the illustrious Ches- The Open Road."

There are thousands of things in year," said the host, casually, dur ter Bawdish blew into the editorial life that are ours if we will but claim ing a hull in the conversation. "I offices, rushing by the reception clerk haven't decided what make yet, but in the outer office. Mr. Snodgram it's no use getting a cheap one was overcome with this honor, and thought the call was to someone else they're sometimes so unreliable. I then sat in mute amazement as Mr. bringing news of a wondering suppose I can get a really serviceable Bawdish stood excitedly before Maude land across the sea Dale's desk, little affair for \$1,500 or so?"

While the company was still gasping at this careless mention of wealth, "and you are the girl Fve been look. Cadly Evening Bulletin. Balley junior remarked: "I say, dad, ing for all these years." will that funny-looking man call ev-

ery week for the money like he did successful writer , explained, more his advertising if he wants a There was recently appointed to a last year when you hought the bi- leisurely that at the time of his first probably a real estate pro-ountry parish church a young min- cycle?"-Exchange. He'd tried to sell the story in every ley. magazine office in town, but the edl

> get out more. You ought to take off erous measure, he had wanted to come back to find this girl who had running and turning Speaking of the results obtained by given him his first encouragement, but one way, then the other his prescription, the patient says: he had been so excited and so hear exclaimed a guest starvation at the time that he couldn't suppose he is d got out six times between London and even remember at which of the an Coventry and took off flesh in four merous magazine officer he had met different places. Once I got out

with this first success, which will A week later Mande Dale resigned prowity IChief through the windshield. That seemed -her excuse being that she was about wed Chester Bawdish

machine Blitching. mending for his perusal such a bit of onis directly on the machin and then stop to tarn, trim, Just one more hist to a lot of the same kind and always keep & res hand. Then you won't have to match the buttons that and little dresses will also **NAN**

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Five-year-old William, the that Sunday is not a day "William !" abe .exclaim

ary boat going to darkest AD

Suspicious of Column Columbus had returned to

"How much shall I write "That's my story,", he said eagerly, queried the maritime reporter

"Don't write anything." There were explanations, and the city editor. "Let Columbus,

Propaga and *Well! well! Look at "Not knowing for certain. the statements

Doctor Was Right tors wouldn't even see him. Later "Buy a car," said the doctor, "and when he found success in such genthis prescription, the patient says:

"I got a car and got out more.



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