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STORY OF MAGDALENE

The brightest minds in Christen-
dom have united in declaring that
as an example of literary excellence
and interest the Bible stands pre-
eminent among all human effort.
Admitting that it may have received
Divine inspiration, still its execu-
tion was of crude hands; unlet-
tered minds wove its narrative in
phraseology that has never yet been
surpassed. We have said that the
Bible is replete with interest, and
this is true to such an extent that
there are chapters upon chapters
of Holy Writ which grip the mind
with far greater tenacity than any
modern work, be it true or fiction.
Were we asked to choose the most
appealing passages of the Bible,
we would not hesitate to pick out
the story of the repentant sinner,
Mary Magdalene. It is a theme that
even to this day sends out its
marvelous influence to save the
flotsam and jetsam from the
stream of perdition. Down through
the ages the story of Mary Magda-
lene has whispered its message of
hope and forgiveness; lifting the
fallen, and opening for ever the
gates of mercy to mankind. The
evangelist, St. Luke, the only one
of the four who tells the story in
detail, employs no rhetoric or flow-
ing eulogy in describing the scene
of Mary's forgiveness and conver-
sion, but no painter's brush could
have given the world a more
graphic picture. It was not the
spirit of presumption that drew
Mary Magdalene to the feet of the
Savior; it was a sublime faith in
His infinite mercy, a certain know-
ledge that true repentance would
not be spurned by Him who had
preached it.

But Magdalene did not evince
the same confidence in the sneering
Pharisees whose salve-tipped
tongues wagged in perpetual effort
to deceive the Christ they flattered.
She knew that brand of cattle, even
as the world knows them now, and
thus it was that she approached her
Redeemer with fear and trembling,
hiding from prying eyes the pre-
cious box of ointment with which
she intended to anoint His feet.
Still, the memories of past orgies,
the recollections of her scarlet sins
were drowned out in the unquench-
able faith that burned within her
breast. The tears that washed the
sacred feet came from a bursting
heart, and no more saving stream
ever fell from human eyes. The
hypocritical mob that watched the
scene was not edified; on the con-
trary, it was inclined to scoff. But
Mary did not hear them. She
heard only those words of forgive-
ness that have been ringing down
through the corridors of time.
"Thy sins which are many are for-
given thee, for thou hast loved
much; thy faith hath saved thee;
go in peace."

And the love of the Magdalene
was not of that temporary quality
which is a feature of modern con-
trition for sin. From the hour of
her repentance she scarcely left the
Master's side. She followed him
up the tortuous heights of Calvary;
she was one of the faithful little
band that stood at the foot of the
cross when the dead body of the
Son of Man hung therefrom. She
was the first to greet the Risen
Lord when the stone of the sepul-
chre was rolled away, and she was
one of the last to see Him as He
ascended into the mansion of His
Father. Of Mary Magdalene it
can be truly said, "greater love
than that, no man hath ever
shown."
Ingersoll, now gathered to his
fathers, was an atheist, but even
his skeptical mind could not refute
the beauties of the story of the
repentant Magdalene. With a
power of expression and fidelity of
description never equalled, he has
preserved the picture of posterity.
"There is a painting in the
Louvre," he said, "which repre-
sents darkness and despair, yet
through the flickering shadows is
seen a kneeling form; 'tis Mary
Magdalene at the bleeding feet of
Jesus." And then applying this to
the undying love of womanhood,
he continued: "The skies were
never dark enough, nor stars
enough; the billows never rolled
enough; the thick arrows of
fierce enough; the thick arrows of
slander never fell fast enough; to
drive a noble woman from the one
she loves." — Asheville Citizen.

A SAD DEATH

**Noble Christian Woman Passes Away
at Her Home in Old Fort.**
Old Fort, July 22.—Maggie, wife of
Mr. J. C. Greene and daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. George McQueen Hyams, died
at her home Sunday morning, July 18,
1909, about 8:30 o'clock.
Mrs. Greene was an active member
of the Presbyterian church, having been
baptized in that faith when a child, by
Rev. C. A. Monroe. She was also a
faithful member of the Sunday School,
having been secretary and treasurer for
several years.
Before her marriage, which occurred
September 7, 1907, she assisted her
father, Postmaster George Hyams, and
the kindly disposition shown in the
discharge of her duties will always be
remembered by the patrons of the office.
Another proof of the noble character of
Mrs. Greene was the way in which she
discharged the difficult duties of step-
mother. The four little step-children
loved her devotedly and perfect peace
and harmony reigned in the home.
In the death of Mrs. Greene the com-
munity has lost a noble woman and
loving friend, the parents a precious
and obedient daughter, the husband a
true affectionate wife, the step-children
a kind, gentle step-mother, and the two
dead little babies (the youngest of which
is only a month old), a fond and loving
mother. (Since the above was written
the youngest baby has gone to its
mother.) We cannot understand why
one so young, beautiful and as it seems
to us so greatly needed should be taken
from us just in the bloom of life, but
our Heavenly Father knoweth best and
although it is hard indeed to give her
up, yet we would not murmur against
His will.
The funeral services were held Mon-
day morning at 10 o'clock in the Presby-
terian church, conducted by Rev. G. A.
Monroe, of Hickory, a personal friend
of the family, assisted by Rev. W. O.
Mallonee of the Methodist church, and
Rev. J. L. Shinn of the Baptist church
at Old Fort. The church was filled to
overflowing with sorrowful friends,
all the places of business having closed
during the funeral services, so great
was the love and respect shown her
memory. The choir, rendered impres-
sively "Nearer My God to Thee," "Lead
Kindly Light" and "Asleep in Jesus."
The casket was entirely covered with
beautiful flowers. The pall-bearers
were: Messrs. Fred and Earl Bradley,
Robbins, Leigh, Chaplain Blackwelder,
Spencer and Ferguson.
The entire community extends to the
bereaved ones sincere sympathy.
A FRIEND.

Frost in Wetoga.

Boone, July 21.—Frost a plenty
was seen in different sections of the
county yesterday morning by those
who arose early. Dr. Hodges re-
ports having written his name in the
frost at Banners Elk. This is
quite an unusual occurrence for
this season of the year. Old men
say they never saw frost in July
before in the mountains.

A curfew law for negroes has been established at Mobile, Ala.

All blacks must be at home or in
bed at 10 p. m. Any of them
caught wandering at large will be
looked up. This action is due to
an epidemic of hold-ups perpetra-
ted by negroes.

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tion of the kid-
neys; too fre-
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Mr. Webb on Compulsory Education

There is something about the
above term that is repugnant to
the average North Carolinian and
there is something contradictory in
the words themselves. Perhaps
compulsory attendance would be
better.
There was a time when such a
law would have been out of place
in this State for the simple reason
that there was not suitable accom-
modation provided for all that wished
to attend but that day is rapidly
passing.
A beginning has already been
made and a law with the above
title is on our statute books and it
will not be a great while before a
law, requiring every child during
a certain period of its life to at-
tend school a reasonable length of
time each year, will be enacted.
One of the strongest arguments
against such a law has been the in-
justice to the schools of forcing an
unwilling pupil on an already
overburdened teacher.
It is not the boy who loves his
books that gives the teacher trouble
but it is the boy who comes under
compulsion and feels that he must
take his spite out on somebody and
he proceeds to make life a burden
to the teacher.
Section 4166 of our school law
says: "Pupils who wilfully and
persistently violate the rules of the
school and any of immoral life and
character shall be dismissed by the
teacher."
When threatened with expulsion,
the young American has been
known to intimate that that is the
one thing he has most desired, and
so the Superintendent has worried
along with him rather than reward
his demerits by releasing him from
his hated task.
The remedy: Have a law put
on the statute books, requiring the
superintendent or principal of each
school, public or private, to report
at once to the County Superintend-
ent every case of expulsion from
school. It shall be the duty of
the County Superintendent to thor-
oughly investigate each case and
report his findings to the Solicitor
of the District and at his discretion
he shall summon the delinquent to
appear at the next term of court
and show cause why he should not
be committed to the Jackson Train-
ing School.
This plan has not been fully
worked out but something of the
kind would strengthen mightily the
hands of the teacher in dealing
with recalcitrant pupils and of
course would be a blessing to the
wayward boys. A. S. Webb.

Southern Improving Track between Salisbury and Hickory.

The Southern railway is reas-
sembling the track between Salisbury
and Hickory. The track was in
very poor condition the early part
of the summer but owing to the
heavy rainfall the company declined
to delay the extensive repairs,
which include a practical retooling
of the track, until the weather
changed.
The maintenance department put
a large force of men at work with
in the past two weeks and the work
is progressing rapidly. The track
will be entirely rebuilt on an eight-
tonned rail laid the entire length
of the division between these two
cities. New ties are being put in
as well and a new ballast. The
railway company expect to make
similar improvements on different
parts of the system.
The famous Harvard Bridge,
three quarters of a mile long, be-
tween Cambridge and Boston, was
declared unsafe by a commission
of engineers last week. This is
the bridge that inspired Longfel-
low's poem beginning: "I stood on
the bridge at midnight, as the
clock was striking the hour."
The Times Mercury understands
that Andrew Carnegie has given
\$1,000 to help buy a pipe organ for
the Lutheran church in Hickory.

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is an old saying that holds good in starting a bank account.
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