

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"
and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

ACTS AND EPISTLES

The peril of building up an organization around a single person is that when he dies or withdraws the organization falls to pieces. "An institution is the lengthened shadow of a man," but there have been many men eminent in their day who cast no such shadow.

The good they did, as Marc Anthony said, is oft interred with their bones. Surely this process of disintegration, natural enough following the death of any leader, would be inevitable when Jesus, The Leader, had died a felon's death and the followers were unlettered peasants. The authorities at Jerusalem took this complacent point of view and rested easy.

They received a rude shock within a very few days. Peter and John, in preaching on the streets of the city and performing deeds of healing, gathered crowds that interfered with traffic and caused them to be arrested. Thinking to overawe these simple fellows, the High Priest Annas and his colleagues presided personally at the trial. Picture their amazement when Peter broke into vigorous denunciation of them as the murderers of the Lord.

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, . . . they marvelled; and they took

knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Those words deserve notice for the light they throw upon the figure and manner of the real Jesus as contrasted with the unsatisfying portraits of Him that have come down to us through the ages. Painters have painted Him and writers have written about Him as a "man of sorrows," a physical weakling, a "lamb," an unhappy man who was disappointed and glad to die. The conquering attitude of the disciples does not tally with such descriptions. The Bible does not say of them, "seeing the lamb-like character of Peter and John" or "seeing that Peter and John were men of sorrow and acquainted with grief," but "seeing the boldness of Peter and John" the authorities knew that such men must have been the friends and companions of Jesus.

So characteristic was this boldness, so vigorous were the disciples in the propagation of the faith, that within less than twenty years the rulers of the far removed city of Thessalonica were troubled by the report that

These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; . . . and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

Only a little later, not more than forty years after the death of St. Paul, Pliny the Roman Governor of Bithynia, is compelled to write to the Emperor Trajan for instructions as to how he may check the growth of this extraordinary new sect.



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THE FAMILY DOCTOR

By JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

MARRIAGE

Ha! The oldest topic on earth. Why talk about that this morning? Well,—has it ceased to be important—or interesting?

One thing—our good editor, knowing my terrible superiority in years and human observation as a family doctor,—tells me to talk about anything I want to, and say it the way I am in the habit of doing.

The fact is, dear young man and young woman, there is no more serious topic in this world today than—Marriage. . . . Nor is there a sacred, heaven-born privilege that has been more violated by errant humanity. Denounce the moralist as "old fogey," and I'll refer you to Reno and Hollywood!

The chief contract for human beings is the marriage contract. Nothing more sacred belongs to earth. I have nothing but contempt for those who wilfully trample this beautiful arrangement in the swinish much of commercialism and lust. And—must I say it? too often the press refers to marriage and divorce and public license as—a joke!

If you contemplate marriage as you should—as a sacred institution, you are a good man—a good woman; the minute you enter the married state with sinister designs, your pedestal as an angel is crumbling, tottering, with the whirlpool of tears and sorrow at its base!

Upon the sanctity of the marriage-vows, rests the security of

Arthur W. Addington Dies in Clayton

Arthur W. Addington died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Blake Dixon, in Clayton, Ga., on Tuesday night of last week.

Mr. Addington fell down the stair-steps, cracking his skull. He died almost immediately.

Funeral services were held at the Addington family cemetery on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, officiating.

The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Jack Sherrill, Sr., Mrs. J. S. Conley, both of Franklin, and Mrs. Hugh Oliver, of Helena, Ark., and by his daughter, Mrs. Dixon.

Dove Hunting Starts Sept. 1; Squirrel Season Opens Oct. 1

As the summer draws to a close sportsmen are getting out their guns and preparing for the opening of the hunting season, with indications pointing to the most plentiful supply of game Western North Carolina has had in a number of years.

Although it has been an unusually rainy summer, with showers occurring almost daily, quail are expected to be more abundant than last year. Heavy rains during the breeding season generally work a hardship on ground nesting birds, but the rains this summer are not believed to have done much damage.

With the closing of the trout season September 1, according to Charley Waldrop, county game warden, the season for hunting doves will open. The fishing season for small mouth bass and jack fish will close October 1 and the same day the hunting season for squirrel and bear will commence.

North Carolina is divided into districts for the purpose of game seasons. The western district includes the tier of counties comprising Alleghany, Watauga, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Buncombe, Henderson and Yancey, and all of the counties west of these.

The open season for squirrel in the western district is October 1 to November 30. The bear season opening October 1 extends to January 15. A number of bear tracks have been reported seen in recent weeks in the vicinity of Aquone.

The season for deer runs from October 15 to December 15. Opossum and coon may be hunted from November 1 to January 31.

There is no open season for ruffed grouse, or hunting or trapping fox except with dogs. The quail season starts November 15 and continues until January 1. The dove season is split, the first half starting September 1 and ending September 30. The season again opens November 20 and continues till January 31.

The open season for ducks, geese and other migratory fowls are subject to the federal restrictions announced from time to time.

North Carolina bag limits are as follows:

Rabbits—no limit; squirrel—10 a day; deer—two in one day or four in one season (no does or fawns); quail—10 a day; wild turkey—two a day or five a season; doves—18 a day; ducks—15 a day; geese—4 a day.

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Highlands Museum Officers Reelected

Dr. W. C. Coker, head of the botany department of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was reelected president of the Highlands Museum and Biological Laboratory at a meeting in Highlands Saturday afternoon. All other officers also were reelected, as follows:

Dr. E. E. Reinke, Vanderbilt University, director; William Lippincott, Clemson college, secretary; Harold Foreman, Atlanta, treasurer.

Dr. Julian Miller, of the University of Georgia; Dr. H. O. Totten, of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. A. J. Sharp, of the University of Tennessee, were elected as new members of the board of trustees.

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Hunting Season Opens Sept. 1

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Doves—Sept. 1 to Sept. 30
Nov. 20 to Jan. 31
Bear—Oct. 11 to Jan. 15
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