

Burke Culpepper—Man of God

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By Eva Heitman Bivins, in Greensboro Daily News.

The Culpepper meeting which has just closed is beyond doubt, the biggest thing that has come to Greensboro in many a day, as all who know of its far-reaching results will agree. This meeting, it was intended, should be held in Centenary church, but in the beginning it was seen that the auditorium was totally inadequate to hold the crowds. Dr. Culpepper's preaching would draw and it was necessary to move into a large tent nearby. This tent, for in less than three weeks was packed, day after day and night after night, with those eager to hear the message of the evangelist. Early in the evening, long before the services began, the crowds accumulated to assemble drawn from all parts of the city, all classes of its population, men, women, children, rich, poor, high and low, none of whom went away empty hearted for Burke Culpepper had something for each of them.

With almost no advertising with no resort to schemes to attract attention and attendance, the continued presence of such a multitude for so long a time was almost phenomenal. It was a mighty tribute to the power of Dr. Culpepper. There is something about him that having heard him once, you are obliged to hear him again—you cannot for the life of you stay away. You are attracted by the man, himself, by the simplicity and practicality of his sermons, by his wit, his pathos, and as you hear him, you are more and more impressed with the fact of how vitally important it is for you, and all mankind to "Put God First."

In the beginning of his campaign Dr. Culpepper said that his sole purpose in coming to Greensboro was to preach Christ and Him crucified. This he did with an earnestness and zeal that could not fail to convince. He is what one might call an old-fashioned Methodist. Nothing of modern thought has crept in to his theology. He believes in the miraculous birth—the vicarious atonement—believes in Heaven as a place of rest—in a hell where the wicked shall receive just punishment. His sermons range through many subjects, call up varying emotions. He tells in glowing words of the Father who gave his only son to save a world; he holds up Jesus as a loving Savior, the "mender of broken lives," and then turns and, in language equally convincing, pictures the wrath of an offended God, the tortures of the place of those eternally lost. Straight from the shoulder he launches his attack at what he considers the sins of our day. He says quite fearlessly and without regard for opinion what he believes to be the crying evils of the time—says it in a

manner that cannot but do good everywhere. He will have no compromise with the world, the flesh and the devil. To Christians, he thinks, was the command given, "Come ye out and be separate"; they should be a people "set apart" to the carrying out of a great ideal.

No one understands more clearly the age in which we are living, the peculiar problems and temptations of today; no one knows more fully the frailties and weaknesses that humanity is just now prone to, but these he says most emphatically can be overcome, none are obliged to sin.

His is a clear call to honesty, to purity, to righteousness in all walks of life. He has kindled a flame of religious fervor that will be felt in all classes of every denomination. He has made a deep and lasting impression on our lives, has cleared it to the center and has reached those never before reached. Many women and strong men have lined up on the side of right whose decision to do so will be of untold benefit to our city.

Dramatic he is at times, but with no straining after effects, the acting of a man thoroughly at home with his subject and lost to all save driving his point home. "Slangy," too, very often, but a very innocent sort of slang that could not offend the most fastidious taste, that never borders on the coarse or rough. If we are conscious at times of wishing he were not quite so strenuous in his preaching, it is more out of consideration for him than because we find it unpleasant; on the whole, his delivery is pleasing. He has the ability in a very wonderful way of swaying his audiences—it laughs with him, cries with him, and always he compels closest attention.

Whether in the pulpit or out, Dr. Culpepper is a person of dominating personality. It is not what he says so much as what he is that speaks most loudly for him. There is no doubt of his consecration, no doubt of his spirituality. He is giving himself, his life without stint to one great cause. When all is said and done it is the spirituality in a man that attracts most, perhaps because it is the thing most hard to attain. No man is truly great without it and its possession is, "The pearl of great price," that many seek for.

But Burke Culpepper is no aesthetic churchman, no long faced fanatic. Indeed, what strikes one very forcefully is the very humanness of him. One secret of his success with men lies in his own virile manhood. Strong, forceful, fearless, gentle, sympathetic, he is all of this. Well built, always well dressed, with a fine, thoughtful face and searching eyes, a splendid head crowned with a mass of gray hair, his appearance is far

from being insignificant. He has the appearance of excellent health and physical fitness, but he says at one time in his life he was very near death from a disease commonly believed to be incurable. When all other remedies and means had failed, he was healed through prayer and has had no return of his trouble.

Dr. Culpepper's life has been an interesting one. Only 40 years of age he has been for more than 20 years in the evangelistic work. His father before him was an evangelist of wide reputation and when the son was a mere boy the two became associated in this field of labor. During all these years many unusual experiences have come to him and of them he makes good use in his sermons. While here, aside from his preaching he visited many homes, where sickness and sorrow and many sought him out to tell him their sorrow and needs. In all of this he took a personal interest and gave counsel and aid to all who asked it. He has been father confessor to many and in Greensboro a lone he said he had heard much of sin and misery. Perhaps it is his sense of the great need of the world for comfort and help that makes the face of the evangelist seem at times sad, that, and the great burden of un saved souls that lies upon him.

One thing quite characteristic of Dr. Culpepper is the fact that before beginning a meeting he signs no contract, makes no stipulation as to financial reward. He allows no soliciting of funds in his behalf, indeed he wishes as little sold about money as possible. Envelopes are distributed and what is given him as a free will offering he takes—nothing more. Everyone gives as he is able and if there are those who cannot give they are as welcome, he says to the gospel he preaches as the flowers that bloom in May.

In an age when so much is unsettled and in doubt it is refreshing and soul satisfying to listen to a man so sure of where he stands and what he stands for. In a day of so many changes, when old things seem to be passing away and there is nothing new waiting to take their place with us, it is comforting to find one who believes so unalterably in the things we learned from our fathers and mothers, from which we may have grown away but in which we still wish to believe for their sakes as well as our own. Burke Culpepper goes to and fro bearing a message to his generation.

There can be no doubt that he is sent of God—that he has been touched by the spirit that his flaming zeal and burning words are those of a messenger of the King. He is as a voice crying in the

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wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." His message is one of hope, of pardon, of courage and comfort and Divine love to the world where many sit in darkness. In thinking of him one is reminded of those words of the Psalmist: "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace—that saith unto Zion, 'Thy God reigneth.'"

MEN WANTED FOR THE ARMY:

To the Editor of The Gazette: The United States Army is open for voluntary enlistments for service in France, and on the Rhine, Panama, Honolulu, Philippines, China, and in the United States.

The term of enlistment is for one and three years. The only persons who can enlist for one year are those who have had service in either the Regular or National Army. If a man only served two days in the National Army, he is entitled to enlist for one year. A discharge under this enlistment period is a complete separation from the service; you do not pass to the reserve.

The ages are from 18 to 40 years, both inclusive. The pay is \$30 per month and up, with travel, lodging, medicines, meals and attendance and all athletics free.

For service in France we accept men for the Infantry, Cavalry, Field Artillery, Engineer Corps and Medical Department only. For service in Panama we accept men in the Infantry, Coast Artillery, Engineer Corps, Signal Corps and Medical Department. For service in Honolulu we accept men for the Cavalry, Infantry, Coast Artillery, Engineer and

Signal Corps and Medical Department. For service in the Philippines we accept men for the Coast Artillery, Engineer and Signal Corps and Medical Department. For service in China we accept men for the Infantry, only. For service in the United States, we accept men for the Infantry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Signal Corps, Engineer Corps, Quartermaster Corps, Medical Department, Air Service, Tank Corps, and Motor Transport Corps. Men desiring to enlist for the Air Service, Tank Corps or Motor Transport Corps, must enlist for the Infantry, and they are given a try-out for the corps they desire, if they fail to qualify they remain in the Infantry. No one is, whether he has had previous service or not, can enlist, if he has dependents who could be entitled to the benefits of the family allowance of the War Risk Insurance. This means that married men cannot enlist.

J. R. BRAYFORD, SGT. U. S. I. Army Recruiting Station, Gastonia, N. C., May 6, 1919.

NATIONAL BANK SYSTEM SOLID, SAYS WILLIAMS.

Only One Small National Bank Has Failed in Four Months; Only Two in Sixteen Months.

Washington, May 4.—Comptroller of the Currency Williams, in a statement today, called attention to the solidity of the national banking system, as illustrated by the fact that in the last four months only one small national bank, with \$25,000 capital failed. In the last 16 months only two national bank failures were recorded. At the same time the number of national banks is growing and their earnings are increasing, said Mr. Williams.

"A knowledge of these facts must necessarily give inspiration and fresh courage to all business men," said the comptroller's statement, "for our economic history shows that every commercial panic and business prostration in the past has been precipitated by financial disorders and banking crises."

Contrasting the position of national and state banks, the comptroller declared that in three months ending March 31, last, 24 institutions under state supervision failed, and between 50 and 60 state institutions failed in the 15 months ending last April 1.

In the four months ending April 30, 61 charters were granted to new national banks, three were refused and 113 applications are pending.

Prize for School Girls and Boys Offered by State Board of Health.

(State Board of Health Bulletin) 2,626 children die in North Carolina each year under the age of two from diarrheal diseases, this one disease causing the largest number of deaths in the 34, 914 which occur yearly.

With a desire of calling the attention of school children in North Carolina to the large number of children under five

who die annually in the State and to those conditions which contribute to their death, and with the hope of attracting through the school children the attention of mothers and fathers to these facts and conditions, the Bureau of Infant Hygiene of the State Board of Health offers a prize of \$10 for the best composition giving 10 contributing factors to diarrheal diseases of infants under two years of age, and the best methods of removing these conditions.

This composition is to be sent in to the Bureau of Infant Hygiene, State Board of Health, by May 10th and must contain a statement that said composition was composed and written without assistance.

Information regarding the cause of disease can be obtained by applying to the State Board of Health, in case local teachers are not prepared to furnish it.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LISTS CONTAIN 481 NAMES.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 5. The following army casualties are reported by the commanding general of the A. E. F.:

Killed in action, 4; died of wounds, 2; died of accident or other causes, 31; died of disease, 29; wounded severely, 16; wounded, degree undetermined, 131; wounded slightly, 258; total, 481.

The following North Carolinians are among those listed above:

Died of Wounds: Private Walter Lowe, of Lylesville.

Wounded Severely: Corp. Charles E. Moore, of Rocky Mount.

Wounded, Degree Undetermined: Private Allen J. Mitchell, of West Durham.

Wounded Slightly: Corp. Bracknell A. Benfield, of Crossmore; Privates Edwin Frye, Eskota, Sam K. Hale, Wilmington; Bernard L. Hines, Cary, Loyd J. Lambert, Taylorsville, George Follies, La Grange, Gleamans Johnson, Middleton, Lonnie Seabury, Dunn, Lindsay R. Holland, Seven Springs.

Killed in action, previously reported missing in action: Corp. Clannie W. Smith, Etowah.

PARIS, May 4.—Agreement on the Japanese claims for the Shantung peninsula insures the signing of the treaty within 48 hours by the Allied powers regardless of the Italian position. Messages have been sent to Premier Orlando at Rome warning him of the necessity for action but the messages are friendly.

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