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If you cannot be present please send your proxy.

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6 37	9 15	Lv. Denniston	Ar.	7 15	7 25
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Lutheran Visitor.

The Lutheran strength in Cabarrus county is compiled as follows: Eleven congregations, 1,589 communicants, holding church property valued at $18,000. Nearly one-half (5) of the congregations organized since the civil war. Of six pastors in the county, four have one church and two pastors two churches each. One congregation is vacant, and two are served by pastors living in an adjoining county. Total accessions reported last year were: Infant baptism, 4; confirmation, 52; letters of transfer, 26.

The Lutherans in Rowan county are: Pastors, 15; congregations, 24; confirmed members, 4,168. Value of church property more than $100,000. More than half of these congregations have organized since the war of 1861-'65. There are two pastors without charges, and there are two vacant congregations. One pastor has three congregations; nine pastors have two each, and three pastors have one each. These churches reported to Synod last May, 196 infant baptisms, 9 adult baptisms, 160 confirmations and 119 received by certificate of transfer.

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LESSON VIII, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, FEB. 21.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. xii, 1-13. Memory Verses, 6-8—Golden Text, Matt. xii, 12—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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After the healing of the paralytic, who came down through the opening in the roof, the order of events seems to have been the call of Matthew and the feast given by him in his own house, then a visit to Jerusalem and the healing and discourse at Bethesda (John v). We recently had the record of a Sabbath day at Capernaum, the healing at Bethesda was on a Sabbath day, and now the cornfield incident and the healing of the withered hand in today's lesson are both Sabbath day events. Note also the healing of the blind man in John ix.

Why all these Sabbath day doings when they so stirred and angered the Jews? Probably for the same reason that Hezekiah destroyed the brazen serpent which Moses had made. The children of Israel made an idol of it and burned incense to it. When the Lord Jesus was on earth the Sabbath day was a Jewish idol, they worshiped it rather than Jehovah, and the Lord of the Sabbath was seeking to draw them to Himself.

Dr. Weston says that the Sabbath was the Jewish national flag and that by it they claimed a peculiar relation to God as their Creator, Redeemer and rest. They were thinking of their national honor rather than the honor of their God and His word. The bone of contention on this occasion was that, passing through cornfields on the Sabbath day, His disciples had plucked and eaten ears of corn. The Pharisees said it was not lawful to do so. The Lord Jesus justified His disciples on four grounds—the example of David, the law of Moses, the testimony of the Spirit through the prophets (Hos. vi, 6; Mic. vi, 6-8) and His own authority as Son of Man.

Professing to honor the Sabbath, they had no Sabbath stillness in their souls, but full of evil purposes they go their own ways, find their own desires and speak words out of their own hearts. Contrast Isa. lviii, 13. They did not understand the significance of either the Sabbath or sacrifice; hence our Lord said, "Go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice" (compare verse 7 and chapter ix, 13). The design of both Sabbath and sacrifice is not that men should do or bring something meritorious to God to win His favor, but that God might show favor and blessing to us. God desires to give, to us as sinners His mercy and compassion.

The very first sacrifice on record (Gen. iii, 21) sets forth God giving to helpless sinners redemption clothing; they having nothing to bring Him but their naked, sinful, helpless selves. The first Sabbath sets before us man, in the image of God, resting in and enjoying the works of God, with which he had nothing whatever to do but to accept and gratefully enjoy. These Pharisees were supposed to be well versed in the Scriptures, but our Lord had to say to them: Have ye not read, have ye not read? If ye had known (verses 3, 5, 7). And He is saying that same still, for mere religiousness is always ignorant of the Scriptures.

The second incident of our lesson is the healing of a man with a withered hand in a synagogue, the scribes and Pharisees watching Him that they might accuse Him. He referred them to the law which taught that they were to help creatures not their own if they saw them in trouble (Deut. xxii, 4). He also reminded them that a man was better than a sheep and assured them that it was lawful to do well on the Sabbath day, He being Lord even of the Sabbath day (verses 11, 12, 8). Then He healed the man, and the Pharisees became so enraged that they went out and held a council against Him how they might destroy Him (verse 14). The impotence of the man was very suggestive of the spiritual condition of the nation, but he knew his condition and they did not. They were blind and deaf and lame and palsied and leprous and thought that nothing ailed them, but that, on the contrary, they were the only righteous nation on earth. They were really as helpless as this helpless man, and the Lord was as ready to help them as him, but they would take nothing from such as they considered Him to be, and why should they, for in their own estimation they had everything and needed nothing. Rev. iii, 17, describes them, as it also does multitudes today.

In reference to His saying about a sheep some one has well said that He did not say "see a sheep," but "have a sheep." The point is that of ownership. He owned them, they were His sheep, at least professedly, and He owned the Sabbath day, which He had given to man for man's benefit, but while He could control it and gave special blessing in it they would not let Him control them. They persisted in going astray (Isa. liii, 6).

Their determination to kill Him explains some changes in His teaching, or, rather, His manner of teaching, from this time on. He will not yet break these bruised reeds, but the time will come (verse 20). Henceforth He taught the multitude only in parables, that seeing they might not see and hearing they might not understand (Luke viii, 10; Matt. xiii, 13, 14). They had blasphemed one who was greater than Jonah, greater than Solomon, greater than the temple, and the people of Nineveh and the Queen of Sheba would rise up against them in judgment and condemn them (verses 6, 31, 32, 39, 42). They had violently turned against Him and His kingdom, and now their house is to be desolate till He shall come again (Matt. xxiii, 37-39).

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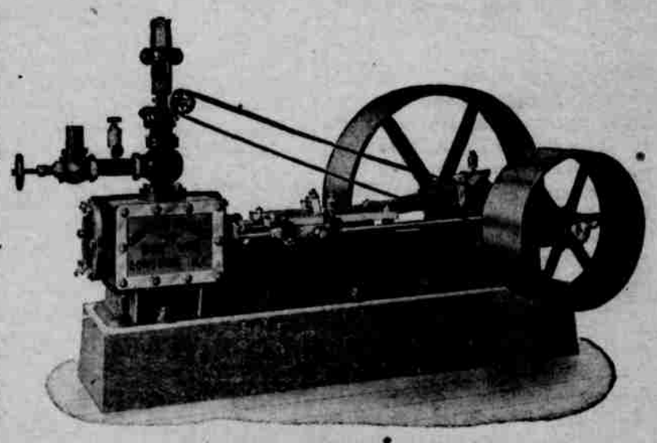

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