PREACHING IN MISSISSIPPI.

Experiences in the Work of Elder Axel Nielsen.

MARTIN STATION, MISS., December 24, 1895.

To the Editor:

Thinking that a few lines from this part of the Lord's vineyard would be of some interest to the readers of the NEWS, as it is not very often we hear from the Mississippi conference, I send this.

Elder Grantham and myself started a tour to house census of this Choctaw county, the 21st day of October, 1894, holding meetings and preaching the Gospel of Christ wherever we could get some one to listen to us, leaving our literature, tracts No. 1 and 4, also the Voice of Warning with all those who would accept of it. At first we found considerable prejudice among the people and at times it became very hard for us to get a place to stop over night; but after becoming a little better acquainted and some of the people began to read the pamphlets we soon made some friends and had no trouble in getting places to stop at. I must say that the Southern people are very hospitable. We had no trouble in procuring private and school houses to preach in, and in our efforts to do good we meet many believers, but it seems hard for the people to embrace the truth for fear that the sayings of Paul (Tim. iii 12) might come to pass. Thus we labored till January 15th, when my companion was released to go home, on account of sickness in his family, having filled a mission of twenty-two months.

I was then to meet my new companion Elder William Martin, who had just arrived at Pine Bluff, Cleburne county, from his home in Colorado. I arrived at Pine Bluff on the 21st, where I met Elder J. W. Walker, then president of the Mississippi conference, his companion, Elder Chipman, and Elder Martin. We had an enjoyable time till next day, when Elder Martin and myself started off for Cleburne county again to take up the labor where my former companion and I had left it. We continued canvassing and stopping with the people, having Gospel conversations with them by the fireside, till we had gone and given them all a chance to hear the warning voice of the Gospel, leaving it to themselves whether to accept or reject it—to judge for themselves. On April the 24th we closed the county, though calls causing it we baptized two honest souls into the fold of Christ and blessed one child.

We then had a call to go to Warren county joining Cleburne on the north where Elder Martin and myself labored till the 1st of June, when he received a call to go to Lincoln county and Elder D. M. Faddies, who had been laboring there for some time, was sent to labor with me in Warren county. There we continued till the 11th of July when we left for Franklin county, where we were to have conference on the 13th and 14th which the NEWS had a brief account of shortly after.

After conference Elder Faddies and I were assigned to visit the Saints and friends in Cleburne county where we stayed till the 20th of September, during which time we held meetings and made a few more friends, also baptized two more into the Church.

Leaving Cleburne again at the above mentioned date, we arrived in Warren county the next day ready to take up the labor where we left it in July—canvassing, hunting out the people from the caverns, holes and hills, which there are many of in Warren county, especially around the city of Vicksburg, thus going over the entire county all but Vicksburg as we are to have a special call there presenting the Gospel to the people. We did not find much prejudice in Warren county so far being as we have found but very few investigating the Gospel, but we hope the good seed we have sown will bear fruit in the Lord's own due time.

The 19th inst. we received a call to go to Vicksburg and will be able to take up the labor there properly a mile before New Year, as we would be pleased to have the NEWS sent to that place after this.

I have enjoyed my labor very well the fourteen months I have spent in the South, and am pleased to have the privilege of bearing the Gospel message to my fellow man, which I think every Elder in Israel should prepare himself for, for a great work is to be done yet among the nations of the earth.

The NEWS is a welcome visitor and we read it with the greatest interest, after which we give it to Saints and friends who are just as eager to read the valuable news from the Elders and Rocky Mountains as we boys are.

AXEL NIELSEN.

A NORMAL SCHOOL.

How the B. I. Academy at Provo Fills that Position.

PROVO, Dec. 30, 1895.—In a recent article the statement was made that the Brigham Young Academy was essentially a normal training school. Many students ambitious to become teachers, having finished the eighth grade of the district schools, come to this excellent institution to learn to teach. Without any reflection upon the excellent system of our public schools, it can be truthfully said that a major part of those entering as first year normals are deficient in some branch, or branches, and extremely proficient in others. Their information usually lies along the lines of the natural bent of the character, rather than a harmonious rounding out of all the faculties. Then their scholastic attainments are information, and not formation. For the most part they are able to serve instruction, but unable to think properly. They are not able to follow a subject through consecutively, and to reason from what they know to what they wish to know.

The first session, or the greater portion of it, is spent in reviewing the important studies of the eighth grade, viz: Natural reading, grammar, arithmetic, with the addition of bookkeeping, algebra, geometry and domestic science. The latter includes air, water, foodstuffs, cleansing agents, poisons and the antidotes, etc., as well as some other branches. These studies are much upon said special reference to giving thought and reasoning power; the students are sought to accumulate less—to thoroughly systematize their work which they must do, if they ever become successful teachers.

The second year the course of study course is taken up, theology C, which includes the Old Testament, especially divine law, the writings of Moses, Songs of Solomon and David, and the Prophets and their writings. The history of the New Testament, the life and teachings and works of the Savior. Another C, language study, consists in A. B., which includes thorough instruction in grammar, with practice original composition of narrative and descriptive class, and also articles for home magazines, many of which have appeared in the Juvenile Instructor. Plane geometry is continued for twenty-seven pages—87, A., which includes the general relationship of mind to body, the collection of psychological facts, and the deduction of principles therefrom. The theory of teaching is taken up in earnest this year. It opens with rudimental study, definition of education, outline history of education and the principles of education based both by ancient and modern educators; followed by principles of pedagogy, supplemented by reports of the practice of the student, comparison of the old method with the new; relationship of school (local) factors such as the home, the school, the Church, the state. Practice work consists most affectionately, pupils, patrons, community, school management—including school organization.

The third and fourth years' normals follow a general academic course as has been indicated above, and the question is frequently asked by both students and others, "How does the normal differ from the regular academic course, are the students taught less or more?"

Here is the essential difference: the academic student takes the same literary course, he studies from the standpoint of science, while the normal girls not only information but the principles connected with the teaching of it. If language is the study not only the science of languages is mastered but the psychology and pedagogy of languages. If it is geology, he not only knows of geology, but how to teach it to others, and the general effect of such teaching on the character and development of the pupil in teaches. While the academic student is informed and gets his knowledge from the study of science, the normal student is informed and yet to "do" report the information to others.

ELLEN JACKMAN.

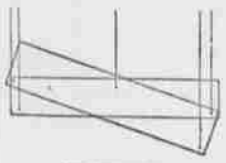
A VEXED QUESTION.

Which Horse Pulls Most When One of Them Hangs Back?

A correspondent asks The Rural New Yorker which horse pulls most of the load when two are hitched to an even doubletree and one of them hangs back. The Rural New Yorker gives the following reply and illustrates its answer by a diagram:

When you are in doubt, revert to the principle, is a universal rule that applies to everything in the world. Then let us revert to the principle in this question, which is a common source of disagreement and general trouble to all concerned with it. The illustration explains the whole thing. As it is well known that the longer arm of a lever is the easier to move, and this question is one of leverage between the two horses, it follows that the horse that is about has the easier pull, with the common shape of the doubletree—that is, when the middle hole is near the front of the bar and the draft holes for the clevises are at the back of it.

But when the three holes are all in line then there is no difference at all in the draft, whether the horses are pulling evenly or one or the other may be ahead. The drawing is of course exaggerated to show the principle more plainly, but it is the same, always in proportion, to the difference between the lines of the three holes. When the two horses are drawing the load they are pulling against each other. The draft pin is the fulcrum on which the lever of the doubletree works. The two parts of the doubletree on each side of the draft pin are two levers, and as one is a little longer than the other when the doubletree is not level the forward horse is pulling with the longer and the kicker horse is pulling with the shorter lever. To the extent of the difference, added to the gain of the other horse, the latter does more of the work. Thus, as in everything else in the world, the fellow that is behind has the hardest work to get along. There is an interesting moral in this little disquisition.



HOW A TEAM PULLS.

Neat and Convenient Manure Box.

The Orange Judd Farmer says:

The accompanying cut represents a very handy manure box which Mr. C. A. Allen of Illinois has been using for a number of years. The upper figure is a side view; the lower shows the top as seen from above. It is very easily constructed, is 8 feet long, 16 inches wide, 16 inches deep and shaped like a flat-

CONVENIENT MANURE BOX.

bottom. At each end are handles used in unloading. It is very convenient, standing near the stable door, where the manure is thrown into it when the stable is cleaned in the morning. A team is hitched on it when full, and it is hauled to the dumping pile and turned over. By its aid the stable and its surroundings are kept neat and clean. In the lower figure at D at D are the handles used in turning and righting it. A long sleeve runs from the bottom up over the end and to this the horse is attached.

Feeding Raw Corn.

One of the best ways of feeding new corn, at least for a time, is to commence feeding sparingly and all. There is a [illegible] respect in that the corn not [illegible] matured contains more water, yet what is lost in this way is more than made up in the amount of benefit the hogs will secure in the stalks and leaves after the corn is reasonably well matured. There is but little nourishment in the stalks or foliage.

Generally the better plan is to commence to feed green, giving a small quantity at first and gradually increasing until they are about all they will eat. If given good pasture, a good feed of bran slop and a light feed of corn daily a very rapid gain can be secured.

There are several advantages in feeding early. One is that generally a better price is obtainable for the amount of feed so much can be secured early or later in the season. Then by having them in a good condition early in the season a much better opportunity is afforded of taking advantage of the market.

But it is best not to feed too much corn at new, but after they have got on full feed they should be pushed along as rapidly as possible, and full feeding is necessary to secure this.—Southern Live Stock Journal.

YOUNG BROILERS.

A Demand For Small Ones For Our Patrons.

Fashion has much to do with changes in food and the introduction of new products. At the Ellerslie stock farm is a large poultry plant from which 40,000 broilers are marketed during the year. Mr. Beely, the manager of this department, recently gave us a new point about the demand for his baby white Plymouth Rocks. A few years ago the family of one of our American millionaires went to Paris and ate a dinner at which little birds were served—and for such good. They were smaller than ordinary broilers, one whole one providing about most enough for each person. They seemed like an agreeable fad, and when they returned to America this family demanded these little birds in place of broilers. This fashion has spread among the rich until a plump chicken a week old will often sell for as much as a large broiler. Of course this means a gain to the feeder of at least a month's feeding. It just illustrates how changes in fashion strike below the surface into the production of articles of food. The rich and fastidious demand delicacies—fruits, vegetables and meats out of their natural season. This demand stimulates inventive genius, and men are found who invent the appliances needed to produce the artificial conditions required to grow plants and animals out of their season. These appliances are improved and extended until what was once a luxury becomes cheapened to a necessity, and rich and poor alike enjoy it. That is the history of forced fruits and vegetables, broilers, hothouse lamb, etc. Speaking of the great demand for broilers, Mr. Beely said that one single hotel in New York city would easily make a contract to take the entire Ellerslie product of 20,000 per year.—Rural New Yorker.

A Male Light Brahma.

A male Brahma, to be considered perfect in symmetry, should have a comb erect, neck finely arched, breast full in its sweep from throat to thighs, round in the sides, wings carried high to give a flat back, the saddle no fuller

LIGHT BRAHMA COCK.

than to preserve a concave sweep from back to tail, the latter carried tolerably upright and spread at base, the stalks not much exceeding the length of the tail proper; legs that stand well apart nearly parallel with each other, the fluff, while full, not to destroy the profile of the back point.

Facing the Roosts.

Custom places the front of the poultry house to face the south, yet the sun does not send the heat into such houses in winter till quite late in the morning. A poultry house should face the southeast, and then the heat and light will enter as soon as it rises, warming the interior at a time when the fowls desire warmth the most, which is when they first come off the roost in the morning. In the winter the sun is in the south a greater portion of the day, and hence if the house faces southeast the fowls not only receive warmth early, but the sun shines in the house till about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

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PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH will instruct and interest our readers with some articles descriptive of

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Which will contain reminiscences of his valuable though oftimes trying experiences as a boy and man in Utah.

My First Mission,
Will be the title of some articles from the pen of APOSTLE FRANCIS M. LYMAN, wherein he will give an account of his interesting experience of traveling "without purse or scrip," and many marvelous incidents connected with his ministry abroad.

APOSTLE HEBER J. GRANT will narrate in a series of illustrated articles the incidents of a

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ELDER MARVIN E. PAUL will prepare a series of illustrated and highly interesting papers on

The Sandwich Islands Country and Mission
These articles will give a brief historical account of this group of islands, review some of the customs of the people and describe the past labors of our missionaries and the present condition of the latter-day work.

Twelve papers will be furnished by ELDER JAMES H. WALLIS, on

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These will be most ably written, and are designed to furnish arguments in favor of the truth for our missionaries and those who are called to defend our religion.

My School Days at Ann Arbor,
Will receive treatment by ELDER RICHARD R. LYMAN who recently graduated as a civil engineer from this noted Michigan school with high honors. These articles will be illustrated.

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Is the title of a deeply interesting serial story which will be continued through the whole volume; its author is our versatile and talented friend SUSA YOUNG GATES (HOMESPUN), whose already published narratives have been of so much interest.

Ideal Manhood: Some Suggestions About It.
This will be the title of some articles containing valuable suggestions to our young men who have an ambition to do or be something in the world. The author is a long resident of Utah, but desires his identity concealed and will consequently write under the nom de plume of SIMPLEX.

College Department.
The Latter-day Saints' College in Salt Lake City, will be represented by a department which will be supplied with essays and other articles from students and teachers. These productions will represent, as far as possible, the actual work of the college, and will pass through the hands of the Principal, who will see that everything used is of a high order.

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