

Berselius sends Adams forward with a guide to arrange the next stopping place, not wishing to risk his seeing the punitive measures taken.

After this we have a most stirring and graphic account of the dangers and difficulties in following the spoor of a troop of elephants, which head away from the party, but, being startled by something in front of them, wheel round, stampeding wildly back, rushing over the shooting party, crushing nearly all to death. Adams escapes by climbing a tree. Berselius is lifted and flung into the jungle, where the doctor finds him insensible. He slowly recovers consciousness, and a strange thing occurs. Caused by injury to the skull, memory is impaired, and he develops a second personality; totally different to the first, in which he is ruthless, dominant, merciless. He becomes gentle, undecided, and full of kindness.

Memory slowly returns as he recognises places they have passed through on their way to Elephant land; when, after much difficulty, they return to the Pools of Silence, and the scene of the massacre, Berselius' new personality is distraught with horror at the memory of what he then witnessed, brain fever ensues, and only by unceasing devotion Adams saves his life. On returning to Paris, Berselius' dual personality torments him. Awake, he is the new man. In his dreams he returns to his former self. It is therefore fortunate that he sinks under the operation which restores his former personality. He has a charming daughter of whom we see little, but quite enough to feel sure Dr. Paul Adams will have in her a delightful and sympathetic wife.

E. L. H.

COMING EVENTS.

July 13th.—Annual General Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., Sir William Collins, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.P., presiding. 3 p.m.

July 14th.—Meeting of Exhibition Organisers and Stewards, 431, Oxford Street, 4 p.m.

July 15th.—Royal Maternity Charity of London. District Nurses' Annual Tea at the "Eustace Miles" Restaurant, 40, Chandos Street, Charing Cross, W.C., 5 p.m.

July 17th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses' League. Annual Meeting at the Hospital. 2.30 p.m. Social Gathering, 4 p.m.

July 18th.—Miss Hulme "At Home." Tea and sacred music. 9, Colosseum Terrace, Regent's Park, 4 to 7.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

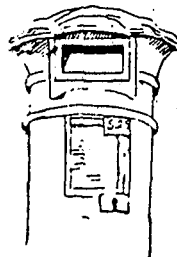
July 18th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., 3 p.m.

July 19th.—Quinquennial Meeting. The Large Hall, Church House, S.W., 10 a.m. Organ Recital, 9.30 a.m. Foreign Nurses and others may be present. Tickets free to gallery.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

July 20th to 28rd.—Opening Session, Large Hall, Church House, S.W. Miss Isla Stewart, Matron and Superintendent, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will open the Congress at 10 a.m. Tickets at door, 1s.

Letters to the Editor.



Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in any way hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

SCHOOL NURSING.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I read with very great interest the paper by Mme. Jacques on "School Nursing in Paris," and look forward to more papers on the same subject when the volume containing all the papers of the Liverpool Jubilee Congress of District Nursing is published. School nursing is so comparatively new a branch of our work that it is very valuable for us to compare notes with one another, to discuss difficulties, and talk over directions in which expansion is possible. I am specially glad, therefore, that at the forthcoming International Congress of Nurses we are to have an opportunity of conference on this important subject, and I am sure the session will be an extremely interesting one, and cannot fail to be most useful to all those engaged in this branch of work, besides stimulating general interest in it. I look forward to gaining much knowledge of value to me in my work in the session.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

SCHOOL NURSE.

"DRASTIC DISCIPLINE."

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—I have always strongly disapproved of the Holt-Ockley system of providing poor people with insufficiently educated and almost entirely untrained women in time of sickness under the title of nurse, because, as an experienced district nurse, I know how high and thorough should be the standard to which a trained nurse should attain before offering her services to the poor, and consequently to ignorant people.

But your report of the half-yearly meeting of the General Council of the Cottage Benefit Nursing Association has confirmed my disapproval into active hostility. Here you have Miss Broadwood, the moving spirit of this system, actually confessing that in the course of one year thirteen of these cottages (so called) nurses had to be transferred (a sort of general post), as owing "to some folly on her part, advances were being made to her by some very undesirable young man!" What else is to be expected? It is the fact that the nurse is of the same class as her patients that makes her quite unsuited for maintaining discipline in her connection with them, and as she lives in with Tom, Dick, and Harry, "'Ow could 'e 'elp but loove 'er," as one youth naively said to me. It is all very natural, and our rural lower orders are nothing if not "true to nature." I shall be obliged if you will inform me where I can obtain

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