

## SEQUEL TO A STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

quarter of a century, giving systematic free treatment to all the poor children whose parents have brought them to him. He has visited regularly the various public children's homes of the city, examining the inmates, prescribing for them, and undertaking such operations as have been necessary. He rented the present building adjoining his office, and fitted it up for the purposes of a dental hospital, paying the expenses out of his own pocket. The hospital is, of course, not nearly self-sustaining, the returns from fees being practically nothing. During this period, a good many thousands of poor children have been aided or cured; at present the number treated daily amounts to about a dozen, and sometimes twice that number.

### DR. ADAMS' PLAN.

This work has never received a cent of assistance from any outside quarter, nor has financial assistance ever been asked. The object of Dr. Adams has been to institute a movement for the proper care and examination of the teeth of school children. He would like to see, in each municipality, a dental inspector appointed by whom each child could be examined twice a year. In cases where attention was shown to be necessary the patient could go to the family physician or dentist, or could, in the case of poor people, be treated free at a dental hospital, one of which Dr. Adams urges should be established in each city. These hospitals would not be intended as money-making institutions, and would in no way interfere with the practice of members of the dental profession; but it is hoped that by the levying of a small charge upon those who could afford it they might be made self-sustaining. In municipalities where the establishment of a dental hospital is an impossibility, the inspector would be greatly assisted by the dentists, who, Dr. Adams believes, would do all in their power to help on the work.