CHANGING THE DOCTOR.

INQUIRIES.—The incident related to the respondent is a good illustration of the necessity for medical men to communicate with each other when any change is to be made. A letter was sent to Dr. C., stating his position to the patient, and declining further attendance. It was requested that he should send Dr. B. saving what he had done. When the patient again sent for Dr. C. he should have declined attending him, and should have told Dr. B. that at all events, our manners are better than might be gathered from such eccentricities of scientific genius.

SCARLATINA : DESQUAMATION.

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NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

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DR. W. W. FARNFIELD (Resident Medical Officer of St. Mary's Day Nursery and Hospital for Sick Children, Plaistow) desires to state that that institution is in no way connected with the Plaistow Maternity Charity and Nurses' Home, Howard Road, Plaistow.

ERRATUM.—In the formular, page 607, line 2, after the word, given in the abstract of Dr. Richard T. Hewlett's paper on Neisser's diagnostic stain, published in the British Medical Journal of September 3rd, p. 599. "Two grammars of benzin" should be "grains of vesuvius."—A DISCLAIMER.

MR. W. ARMSTRONG, J.P. (Buxton) writes: A most amusing and improper patient, are intending to change from the care of Dr. Buxton and its treatment in Wednesday's Sun, I at once address a letter of remonstrance to the editor, and this duly appeared. I found, however, that the patient is being made of the incident, and I venture to ask you to publish this disclaimer.

AN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DR. ARTHUR BARLOW.

We may recall attention to the appeal made in the British Medical Journal of May 14th, on behalf of the widow of Dr. Arthur Barlow, who died on March 11, at the early age of 36. Owing to his illness he was prevented from making provision for his widow, who is without any means whatever, and is in exceedingly deplorable health by the long strain of nursing her husband and three young sons. It is proposed shortly to close the list. Subscriptions will be received by Dr. J. W. Moore, 46, Fitzwilliam Square-West, Dublin; Dr. John Barton, 46, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin; Dr. G. J. Gibbon, 80, Ovoca Terrace, University Street, Belfast; Dr. J. H. Ormsby, 92, Merrion Square West, Dublin; Dr. Henry, 8, Lewisham Park, Lewisham, London; and Dr. A. Matson, 62, Holloway Road, London. The following additional subscription has been received on behalf of the fund:

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A HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION.

BY W. F. C.

When you have done your level best To cure some nervous paroxysm, Don’t too much claim to be helped, The remedy is—hypnotism. How does it act? Ah, never mind, The unhappy claims to be helped, For who are facts? men with the blind Light still is light, though unperceived.

There are more things in Heaven and earth, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy. You know the rest; I need not repeat it, How some may find potential worth In seeking of an enchantress’s wand. So, when a special hand and brain Work on a special organism, What folly is science can explain, But puts it down to hypnotism.

DUBLIN HEALTH CONGRES.

W. F. writes: At the charming garden party given by the Viceroy I observed two persons dressed in ordinary traffic and "basking" under the Viceroy and amusing themselves by smoking clay pipes, this, I suppose, to show how they despised mere formality. To add to the favourable impression we all formed of our sanitary and medical visitors, another medical gentleman rode up on his bicycle, and came in just as he was, clips on trousers, etc. We frequently provoke the irritable members of our College by the untidy and careless dress of some of the younger men; but even at each annual meeting, our conduct is generally better than might be gathered from such eccentricities of scientific genius.

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