

rest and comfort of the other patients, by night and by day. I, the undersigned, for the above reasons, consider Thomas Holmes to be wholly unfit to remain in the hospital, and recommend that he be consigned to some lunatic asylum, or other receptacle for insane persons.

(Signed) "ANTHONY CARLISLE,
"Surgeon."

Sept. 4. The patient is perfectly convalescent, not a single symptom of disease remaining.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE MAMMÆ.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—If you think the following case, which I met with in the country a few weeks back, of sufficient interest from its abnormal character to merit a place in your ably-conducted and extensively circulated Journal, you will oblige me by its insertion. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL HARE.

Chigwell, Essex.

William Rogers, aged 60, a stout muscular man, whilst staying a short time at Woodford, was seized with an acute attack of pneumonia, at the same time presenting extreme enlargement of the mammæ and wasting of the testes, *apparently the result of an injury of the back*, which he received about three years ago. During his illness he was attended by my friend, Mr. W. H. Cary, the talented and highly respected practitioner of that neighbourhood, and is now convalescent. At the present time his mammæ are extremely enlarged, pendulous, heavy, and somewhat knotty, the circumference at the base being 15 inches, length, vertically, 6½, length, transversely, 8 inches; the nipple is very faintly coloured and surrounded by an areola of about the breadth of an inch, or perhaps a little more. The breasts have no appearance of containing milk. Concerning his early life he stated that he had originally been an apprentice to a fisherman, that he went abroad as a sailor at the age of 21; afterwards became a labourer, and has lately been in Spain. At an early period of his life he was so devoted to the female sex that at the age of 16 he entered a club which was established at Rochester for the purpose of enabling its honorary members to obtain women in the most economical manner. When he was 30, he married, and had only one child; his wife's health, however, was so bad that she died about two years after its birth. Six months had scarcely elapsed before he again entered into the connubial state, and by this marriage had a boy and a girl. About three years ago he left England and enlisted in the service of the Queen of Spain, in consequence of his having been discovered by his wife in a

faux pas with another woman. On the 30th of August, 1835, being pursued by Don Carlos, after a skirmish, he had to cross a trench that lay in his way, and in attempting to leap it, *fell with his chest against the edge of the opposite side*. The concussion he sustained was so great that he fell upon his back to the bottom, a distance of 10 feet, and received a blow *upon his loins, and another upon his neck, on the second dorsal vertebra*. In this state he remained insensible for five hours. Three days after his accident he felt acute pain of a shooting aching character in his mammæ, which then became red, began gradually to increase, and present now the size and appearance that I have mentioned above. He felt also, about five weeks after the fall, severe pains darting from the lumbar region in the direction of the spermatic cord to the testes, which were very painful, and from *that time continued progressively to waste*. The right testicle has now almost entirely disappeared, and the left is about half its natural size. His voice soon after became altered, becoming more feminine, and he mentioned that a change took place in the back of his head, the horizontal circumference of which is 23 inches. Previously to the accident he possessed perfect virility, but has subsequently lost all power of sexual intercourse, and has not even had an erection of the penis. On two or three occasions he attempted connexion with a woman, but discovered (to make use of his own expression) that it was "no go." Since his return from Spain he has been under Dr. Elliotson's care for a slight attack of bronchitis, and in several of the London hospitals. Perhaps, Sir, some of your numerous intellectual readers or physiologists may be able to account for this great enlargement of the mammæ and atrophy of the testes in this anomalous case.

KENSINGTON UNION.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—IN YOUR LANCET of the 18th inst. your correspondent "Justitia et Misericordia," begs leave to offer a few remarks on a proposition of yours, "That there should be a medical guardian in each union," &c. His mode of treating the subject shows clearly that his motive for introducing it is that he may indulge in the expression of feelings which do credit to neither his head nor his heart.

As far as I am concerned, I have no hesitation in saying his facts, his *damning facts*, notwithstanding their high-sounding sponsorial dignity, are misrepresentations. He asserts they are capable of proof, I challenge him to the proof, and likewise to the proof that the present medical arrangements are condemned by every man in this parish, not a medical man. I will undertake to