

## MANUAL REMOVAL OF PLACENTA (1961)

Manual removal of the placenta was carried out in 62 cases. There was no maternal death. There were 6 cases of puerperal pyrexia. Blood transfusion was necessary in 24 cases.

*Indications for Removal :*

Simple retention	..	..	..	..	39
Postpartum haemorrhage	..	..	..	..	23

*Type of Delivery :*

(1) Spontaneous	..	..	..	..	46
(2) Forceps delivery	..	..	..	..	9
(3) Breech delivery	..	..	..	..	4

The lowered incidence of postpartum haemorrhage and of retained placenta in the cases of operative delivery probably reflects the hospital policy of the administration of intravenous ergometrine during delivery in these cases. Intravenous ergometrine is also given during delivery in all patients with a previous history of either postpartum haemorrhage or retained placenta.