## PRELIMINARY TREATMENT.

Morphine, 1/4.

Morphine, 3/8; atropin, 1-100.

AMOUNT INJECTED.

1 cc 5 p.c. sol.

1 cc 4 p.c. sol.

POSITION.

Patient lying on side. Hips elevated 2 in. Shoulders elevated 4 in. Head elevated 6 in. Patient sitting up.

# OPERATING POSITION.

Lithotomy position.

Patient on back. Same elevation of parts. Partial Trendelenburg.

#### OPERATION.

Vaginal hysterectomy.

Currettage, Perineorraphy. Dilatation Sphincter Ani. Alexander's operation.

### AFTER POSITION.

Patient kept with head up.

Patient kept with head low.

### CAUSES OF FAILURE.

- 1. Old or weak solutions. Even solutions from most reputable makers may be useless.
- 2. Any cause which would interfere with making an ordinary lumbar puncture, as:
  - (a) Spinal rheumatoid arthritis.
  - (b) Spinal deformities in lumbar region.
  - (c) Very nervous patients who will not bend the back.
- (d) Errors in locating proper position or direction, thus striking the bone, or failure to completely puncture the thick interosseous membrane.
  - (e) Striking bloodvessel and getting a clot of blood in needle.

#### CONTRA-INDICATIONS.

- 1. Any case where a minor anaesthetic will suffice.
- 2. Haemophilia.
- 3. Patient with maniacal or neurotic tendencies, since mania seems an occasional after result.