Friction of wood on metal, rubbing between stones, &c., are of no avail. Its preparation also is more readily effected; the ingredients simply require powdering and mixing, and it can be kept for any time without change. Its explosion is more energetic in its action than ordinary powder; it approaches gun-cotton in this respect.—*Med. and Surg. Reporter.*

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS FOR LOWER CANADA.

In accordance with the By-laws of the College, notice is hereby given that the following motions will be submitted to the consideration of the members at the ensuing triennial meeting, to be held at Melbourne, on Wednesday, the 9th day of July, 1862, viz:

1. "That a College Medical Benevolent Fund be formed for the assistance of its members."

2. "That measures be adopted for securing for this College a Royal Charter, under the style and title of the 'Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada.'"

By order, HECTOR PELTIER, M.D.E. / J. E. J. LANDRY, M.D. } Secretaries.

Montreal, 14th December, 1861.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

In Montreal, on the 25th November, the wife of Horace Nelson, M.D., of a son.

At St. Thomas, C. W., on the 20th November, the wife of Dr. Hamilton, of a son.

At Catâraqui Cottage, Kingston, on the 29th ultimo, the wife of R. W. Meadows, Esq., Assistant Surgeon Royal Canadian Rifles, of a daughter.

At Toronto, on the 4th instant, the wife of Dr. William Canniff, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At the residence of the bride's father, St. Chrysostome, C. E., on the 12th instant, by the Rev. W. Masson, Minister of the Church of Scotland at Russeltown Flats, James Balneanes, Esq., Montreal, to Margaret McC. Levingston, eldest daughter of Dr. Donald A. Levingston.

On the 3rd instant, at the residence of the bride's father, Home Park Farm, Caradoc, by the Rev. Richard Flood, Rector of Deleware, Arthur, second son of the late Mr. Joseph Seabrook, to Eunice Birch, second daughter of Dr. Holloway, both of Caradoc.

DEATHS.

On the 2nd November, in Dublin, at the age of 62, of hydrothorax, David Brereton, M. D., F.R. & Q.C.P.I., and formerly Physician to the Sick-Poor Institution, Meath-street, and the Kevin-street Fever Hospital.

In Montreal, on the 19th November, of enteritis, after an illness not exceeding forty-eight hours, Mr. Jules Labelle, student in the Faculty of Medicine, University of McGill College. This estimable young man passed, we understand, his primary examination for the degree of M.D., in the month of April last, with distinguished success, and there can be no doubt that he would have obtained his degree next year. Truly, "in the midst of life we are in death." The funeral took place on the day subsequent to that of his death, attended by a numerous concourse of the students of the University and of the Montreal School of Medicine. The body was conveyed to his native village, St. Rose, and the funeral cortege accompanied it as far as the St. Lawrence Toll-gate.

At the village of Renfrew, on the 21st November, Mary Jason, youngest daughter of Dr. D. Evans, aged 18 months.

At Ayr, suddenly, on the 20th November, Ellen, wife of Dr. McGeorge of that place, deeply regretted, aged 21 years.

At St. Hyacinthe, on the 8th instant, aged 65 years, Thomas Boutillier, M.D.

At Barrie, on the 2nd instant, Archibald Pass, M.D., aged 54 years.

In Mount Forest, on the 5th instant, Georgina, daughter of Dr. Dunbar, aged 5 years.