

not an art, or as an art and not a trade? The safety of a confiding public demands that the art be uppermost, and that this ideal condition which has existed for so long shall continue to exist. John Brown, who has so beautifully said so much, tells us that "honey is not sweeter in the mouth, or light better to the eyes, or music to the ears, or a warm, cosy bed more welcome to the wearied legs and head, than is the honest, deep gratitude of the poor to the young doctor. It is his glory, his reward. He fills himself with it, and wraps himself all round with it as with a cloak, and goes on with his work happy and hearty. The gratitude of the poor is worth the having, and worth the keeping, and worth the remembering. Brown had attended the wife of Sandy Campbell, and after having met Sandy he went home and wrote that he could see written on Sandy's face the thought, "God bless him, he saved my Kirsty's life," and he could see that he ran back in his mind all those twenty years and laid out his heart on all he remembered, and that did him good, and did the doctor good, too, and nobody any ill." Gratitude is one of those things that people can give, and do give, and are never a bit the poorer, but all the richer. Charity should be written in letters of gold on the brow of every doctor, and what he gives in charity will come back to him increased a thousandfold in the heartfelt gratitude of suffering humanity. His heart should be full of love, and light, and sunshine, and uplifted with the nobleness of his calling.

"The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

"The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the light of the whole life dies
When love is done."

IDEALS IN THE ACADEMY.

The work of organizing the Academy has been completed. The committees appointed for the purpose have performed their work faithfully and well, and a foundation has been laid which we hope will ensure success. A constitution and by-laws have been framed, requiring in my opinion but little change, and it is hoped that only urgently needed changes will be made. As an Academy we know no university, no school, and no circle of medical men. The Academy is for the use of the profession of the city and of the province. Let us sound a note of warning on this point at our inaugural meeting—unity, peace and concord will be best preserved