

DR. AVISON'S WORK.

The best modern illustration of this awakening of the twelve was given by Dr. Avison in connection with his work in Korea. When he went as a medical missionary to that land the first thing that impressed him was the enormous amount of physical suffering among the people. He knew that single-handed he could make no progress in combating it. He decided then to devote his energies to the training of young Koreans in the practise of medicine, and by this means he expected to start a movement that would in the course of time give them scientifically trained men of their own blood to minister to the physical needs of the people. It was a serious undertaking. He had to teach every subject himself, to invent medical terms in the Korean tongue, for their language contained none of them, and to collect slowly the instruments by which they might be trained. He had his first class with him fifteen years, and when they were ready to graduate there were only seven left. He made elaborate arrangements for the graduation ceremony, because it was an important event in the history of the nation.

The largest hall in the city was secured for the ceremony. Members of the Korean court were to be in attendance and the Marquis Ito was to present the diplomas. Then he began to wonder what the men themselves were thinking about the matter, and at the first opportunity he asked them what they were going to do now that they were leaving him. They answered: "It has been a hard struggle. We all have families and we are very poor. We thought that if we could go into one of the towns and practise medicine and make a little money it would be very nice. Then we began to think of all you had given up to teach us and so we have decided to stay with you and help you with the other men." After telling this the Doctor exclaimed: "Was it all worth while? What would I have taken for the seven? I thought I had been training practitioners and here I had seven men." They had caught the idea of service and they were possessed with it to the extent of putting their lives in it. It meant that the movement was to be a success because these men were dominated with the idea of service and were investing their lives in the cause.

FACTS ABOUT CANCER.

Cancer is unquestionably increasing throughout the world.

At the beginning cancer is usually painless and difficult to detect.

At its first small growth it can be safely and easily removed by a competent surgeon.