

# NEW CHINA AND OLD.

(By Miss Nellie Smith, Lim Chau.)

We are living in days of excitement here. Two motors are running—one a Car—the other a 'Bus. The people are flocking in from all directions to

see the wonderful sight, of a great thing like this, going without being pulled or pushed.

It is really laughable to see the in-



tensity of the excitement. We have had some fine open air meetings, and crowds of visitors come to inspect our house and us, by the way. Now, when you come to visit, instead of sitting in a chair for 5 hours or more, you can come by motor under an hour, and instead of paying 2 (2 dollars), we can do it now for 60 cents, at first it was 80 cents, but they have lowered it; the next thing will be the making of the road to Shek Hong, and farther afield. We shall be very glad of this for it will help us in our work considerably.

We are having prayers for rain. It is dreadfully hot and dry. The "Wong Tans" (a yellow bean) greatly used here for oil, and making into flour, will be spoilt if no rain comes, and the peanuts also, though they are not quite so serious—they need less moisture, but shortly the rice should be harvested, and this needs to grow in water.

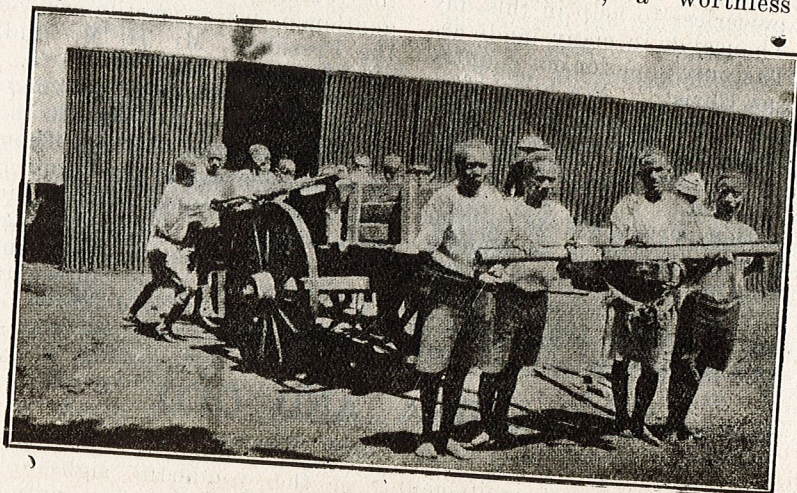
### A Great Procession.

On Friday, a great procession passed the dispensary, on their way to the Temple, to pray to the idols for rain. A small wooden idol was carried on a table, and when they reached the dispensary at a given signal, they all fell on their knees and worshipped these things; drums were beaten, horns

blown, and all the people carried small white flags and incense sticks; all very pathetic, the people are so ignorant.

Classes were started last week, in the Gospel Hall for students from the Middle School, and Government Schools, to teach English, the Catechist, with the aid of the two Boy-School teachers, is undertaking them, and a certain time is devoted to Gospel talks. We do long for a Male Missionary here, someone with go, and understanding the way of getting into close touch with young men. There are some very fine intelligent young men, and we want a man to work amongst them. Nearly 50 names have been given in of those wishing to learn.

We are having splendid congregations on Sunday, and good Sunday Schools. I had 18 boys in my class, and Mr. Leung (school teacher) had 15 in his, and to think how we have had to fight for our boy's school, it was hard to have had it closed down, but teachers are hard to find, the two we have now, fit in nicely, and are doing a really good work. The women's school varies, one goes and another comes—14 have already been in for teaching, and we expect two more to-morrow, but one left to-day, her husband, a worthless fellow,



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ordered her home, and she was so promising, already baptised, we had hopes that she would be a future worker, but at present things are going in an opposite direction. Still we live in hope, and know God's will will be performed in His way, not ours. Will you pray for her?

Another woman is training for a Bible woman, named "Wong Sang Ku," she is most earnest; she is bringing up one of the picked up babies as her own, and has won her own husband for Christ. Will you pray for her?

Another is "Lu Shap Yat Sham," she has come from Ling Shaan, and we hope to send her back again as their Bible woman. She is a widow, and all her family are baptised; she also needs our prayers.

### IN A BESIEGED CITY.

#### Kweilin, South China.

Sister Watkins, S.A., writes of her experiences during the time that city was besieged by bandits.

"We are still in a state of siege, and the constant noise of firing is rather monotonous and nerve-racking. There has not been much damage done in the city so far, the danger is more from stray bullets. The C.M.S. Hospital is in a very uncomfortable position in trouble of this kind, as the bluff just behind it is like a natural fortress, and much of the firing is done from there. The sadness of it all is that it seems so unnecessary, and such a waste of life. In the first few days of fighting, there were many soldiers wounded, but latterly only a few have come in each day. Bad news has been received from the American Compound—one of the Chinese school girls was killed by a shell, and another wounded; also one of the boys was struck by a stray bullet and fatally wounded. Many civilians have been killed and wounded, but considering the popula-