



*Gymnastics at the military school at Kai-feng-fu,*

The arsenal is situated quite close to the railway line to the SW of the town. 70 workmen and 40 apprentices are employed. Most of the former have been employed in arsenals in the South. For 40 and 20 cents respectively they labour daily from 6 a.m. to midnight with two hours' rest at 12 and at 6. Engines drive 3 lathes for boring rifle barrels. There are 7 for turning them, 15 other turning lathes and 12 smaller lathes of various kinds (including machinery for manufacturing cartridges). — The steel is supplied mostly from Nanking. — About 2 million cartridges, 300—350 rifles of the Mauser type for 5 cartridges and 10 guns (57 and 70 ? m/m) are manufactured annually. — At present the manufacture of rifles and guns has given way to repairs and the manufacture of cartridges. — It is stated that more powerful new machinery is to be installed. A third tall chimney is being built just now. — A large part, if not all the troops of the province, are armed with rifles and guns made by the arsenal. — Particulars as to the supplies of arms are not available. — The powder store is close to the so-called glass pagoda. — The work seemed to have been done carefully, but the rifles were rough and the wooden parts badly finished. In trials with cartridges the bullet penetrated 26 boards of just under an inch in breadth each.

There are many schools in Kai-feng-fu and they seem to be well frequented. Those I visited were not so clean and well cared for as at Si-an-fu, but the teaching staff appeared to be good. In what is called the normal school there is a Japanese who teaches medicine. Another Japanese is a master in another of the town schools, but in addition a large pro-