

MRS. WATKINS WON'T BUDGE.

Mrs. Henrietta Watkins has lived for 17 years in this house. Now it's being demolished, but Mrs. Watkin's dug her toes in. She's asked Paddington Council to find her a new flat; they say she must apply to London County Council. Meanwhile the gas has been cut off - but the 74-year-old widow manages somehow.

She's without water, uses candles, because there's no electricity any more. In fact, there's nothing much of anything any more; the neighbours have all gone, and the bricks and mortar are going too, to make way for skyscraper offices.

Everyday the demolition work is a little nearer to her fourteen-and-six-a-week flat. If the powers-that-be were as determined to find a solution as she is to insist on one, surely Mrs. Watkins would be in a new home by now.