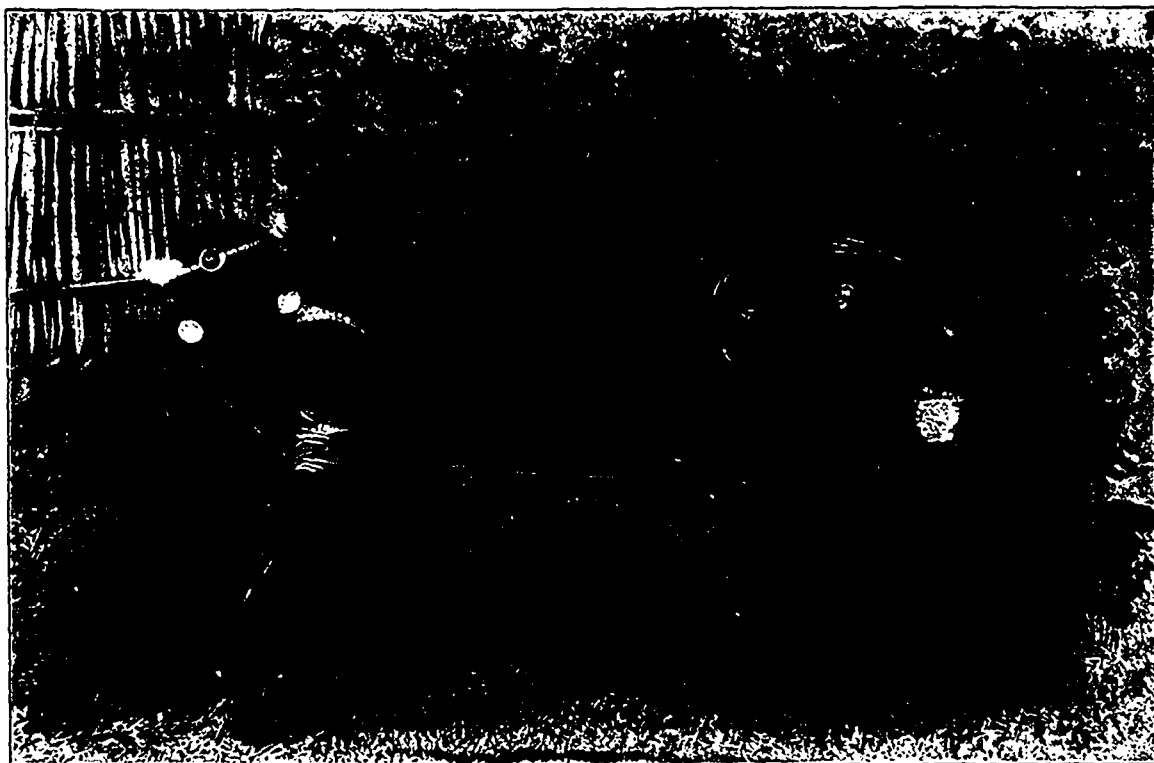


## Young People's Department.



ARMED HEAD HUNTERS.

### HEAD HUNTERS IN FORMOSA.

**F**ORMOSA is a beautiful island close to China. It belongs now to Japan. The climate is very warm, and in some months very beautiful. The natives of Formosa are savages, and sometimes fierce and cruel. They hate the Chinese, because the Chinese conquered them, and took their land from them. Therefore, they kill a Chinaman whenever they get a chance to do it. They think it an honor to kill a Chinaman, and whenever they do kill one they cut off his head and take it home, and then there is great rejoicing over the head of the poor Chinaman. When an Indian in North America kills his enemy, he is content with scalping him, and hanging the scalp at his belt, but in Formosa the people cut off the whole head, instead of the scalp, and carry it home. In a village the people feel disgraced when no Chinamen's heads have been brought in. Then they get together, and hold a council. They must start off to kill, and those who go are called head hunters. They have

sharp knives and spears, and sometimes bows and arrows. They tread softly, and hide carefully behind trees and in bushes, and wait till they see an enemy, and then they pounce on him, and kill him. Then they cut off his head, and away they go as happy as a boy who has taken a prize in the Sunday-school!

How cruel this is! And why do they do it? Because they do not know any better. They think it is right to be cruel. But Christian children know better than that. They know how wrong it is to hurt any one, to say nothing about killing him; and good, kind people are trying to teach the "head hunters" about Christ. When they learn about Him they will be head hunters no longer, but they will try to hunt men to save them. Instead of saying, "I want to take your head from you," they would say, "I want to get your heart, not for myself, but for Jesus. He will save you from sin. He will change your wicked nature. He will make you a soul hunter, and not a head hunter!"

This is what the missionary wants to do. You see what a good work it is.