

Young People's Department.

WATER FOR BAPTISM.

TWO boys in the mission house at Juneau, Alaska, lately died of consumption. One of them was a member of the Church, the other had not been baptized. A few days before the second boy's death erysipelas set in. This closed his eyes so that he could not see, and filled his mouth with sores and blisters so that he could scarcely speak. For several hours before his death he tried to make us understand that he wanted me to baptize him. He could not say baptism, so he would call "water" and put his hand on his head. As he was feverish he drank a great deal, and we supposed he was calling for water to drink. We would give it to him, and sometimes he would drink, and then again he would push it away. Well, that poor boy fought death for three hours and more for baptism. Twenty-five minutes before his death he called, "Mr. Jones—water!" It just then dawned upon me what the poor boy wanted. Calling him by name I asked him did he want me to baptize him, when he shook his head yes. I baptized him, after which he was just as peaceful as could be; no more struggle, no more calling for water, and within twenty minutes his spirit passed calmly into the great eternity. Think of it! A once heathen boy, only ten years of age, fighting death in order to be baptized in the Name of Jesus. Verily, of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.—*Church at Home and Abroad.*

BOYS THAT SUCCEED.

A NEW boy came into our office to-day," said a wholesale grocery merchant to his wife at the supper table. "He was hired by the firm at the request of the senior member, who thought the boy gave promise of good things. But I feel sure that the boy will be out of the office in less than a week."

"What makes you think so?"

"Because, the first thing he wanted to know was just exactly how much he was expected to do."

"Perhaps you will change your mind about him."

"Perhaps I shall," replied the merchant; "but I do not think so."

Three days later the business man said to

his wife: "About that boy you remember I mentioned three or four days ago. Well, he's the best boy that ever came into the store."

"How did you find that out?"

"In the easiest way in the world. The first morning after the boy began work he performed faithfully and systematically the exact duties assigned, which he had been so careful to have explained to him. When he had finished he came to me and said: 'Mr. H—, I have finished all that work. Now what can I do?'"

"I was a little surprised, but I gave him a little job of work and forgot all about him until he came to my room with the question, 'what next?' That settled him for me. He was the first boy that ever entered our office who was willing and volunteered to do more than was assigned him. I predict a successful career for that boy as a business man."

Business men know capacity when they see it, and they make note of it. Willingness to do more than the assigned task is one of the chief stepping-stones to commercial success.—*Selected.*

THE EASTER OFFERING AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, PHILADELPHIA.

UPON the invitation of Mr. George C. Thomas, our treasurer, I was present at the celebration of the Sunday-schools of the Church of the Holy Apostles in Philadelphia, on the evening of Easter Day. I could not have been in a better place than with that great gathering, where everyone, clergy, officers, teachers and pupils, to the number of 1,500 or more, was full of missionary enthusiasm and all felt the greatest joy in bringing their offerings to be presented in Church, as their contribution to help to spread abroad the Kingdom of our dear Lord.

Truly, it was a grand sight. The great congregation occupied the pews on the ground floor and in the galleries, and filled the spaces about the chancel and in the aisles down to the vestibule. It was estimated that eighteen hundred people were gathered there. In the front pew sat the venerable *rector-emeritus*; the two assistant-ministers sat with their Bible-classes, while the rector conducted the services in the chancel, assisted by