YOUTH AND AGE.

A fair maid sat by the window-sill, And stund as the night came down. He sweet young life had known naught of strip.

Clear was her eye, and her hair was

But he heart was sad in the twilight still For she thought of the past that had slipped sway—

Wift as the water that runs the mill;

And the fair maid sighed at the close of

As old mint ast by her window sill;
And prayed as the night came down.
And pain and care had been oft her share;
Small was her cot and poor her gown;
But her heart was stirred in the twilight

stil,

For she thought of the future that stretched away—

Sum as the sun o'er the western hill;

And the old saint smiled at the close of

A FASCINATING STUDY.

It is said that Charles Reade, the novelist, ras led to study the Old Testament by the fellowing camark of the great critic Matthew

"The old Bible is getting to be to us lit. carry men of England, a sealed book. We say think we know it; but we really know very little of it. I wish, Reade, that you would take up the Old Testament, and go and go though every page of it were altogether new to you; as though you had mover read a line of it before. I think it will astonish you."

Mr. Reade did so. He entered upon the task with such zeal as characterized his other The result was, he not only became astonished at his discoveries, but the study led to his conversion. He opened his heart to the truths and lessons of the Old Testament, and found that they were full of mighty, convincing power, before which he healthy bowed, and by which he was brought that the blestellow orbids his his conversion. into the kingdom which the prophets fore-told with graphic interest and eloquence.

BUSINESS HONOR.

nd to be walking down Liberty street, in New York, says an artist whom the Detroit Free Press quotes, 'during that hard stoom we had a few weeks ago. The wind struct a small newsboy about eight years and scattered his papers right and left in the stad. As he picked up the few that were near him, I heard him say, 'Dat busts me!'

"For some feelish reason, I laughed. "Turning on me he asked savagely, 'Wot yer laffin' at?'

"Not at you my boy,' I hastened to explain and then to put myself right, I said, 'Here's half a dollar to start you in businesss again

"He thanked me. You ain't such a bad guy," he said, as he scooted in the direction

"This was not the last I saw of him. As I was hurrying to reach the ferry, I heard the patter of feet. He overtook me and asked beanthlesaly, 'Say, mister, do you go by dis

"No. I said. 'I don't live in New York

"Cause,' he explained, 'I want tel give you a paper every night till I square myself wid

"Now is there a man." continued the ar-"Now is there a man, continued the ar-tist, "who wouldn't like to help a boy of that sort, or who doesn't believe that with half a thow he would develop into an hon-orable and successful business man?"

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But through the darkness I believe
God leadeth me.
'Tis sweet to keep my hund in his
While all is dim
To close my weary aching eyes,

To close my weary aching eyes,
And fo'low him
Through many a thorny path he leads
My tired feet,
Through many a path of tears I go,
But it is sweet
To know that he is close to me.
My God, my guide,
He leadeth me, and so I walk
Quite satisfied
To my blind eyes he may reveal
No light at all;
But while I lean on his strong arm
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—Henry Alford.

Every day that dawns brings something to do which can never be done as well again. We should therefore try to do it grudgingly and cheerfully. It is the Lord's own work, which he has given us as surely as he gives us our daily bread. We should thank him for it with all our hearts, as much as for any other gift. It was designed to be our life our happiness. Instead of shirking

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