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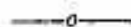
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WITH THE
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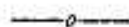
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VANE'S STORY.

1864.



PROLOGUE.

THIS is the story
(To God be the glory !)
Which Vane, found in bed
When a splash of fierce red
From the sunset made strange
The street's opposite range,
Told me ; who, astonished,
Had firstly admonished,
Then asked him outright,
" On the spree all last night ? "
Pale looked he, and queer ;
But his speech calm and clear,
And his voice sweet and strong,
So swayed me ere long,
That I almost or quite
Believed him that night.