

account for this only in the way in which a churchman once answered a dissenter who expressed his surprise at the beauty of the language, in which churchmen, when they pray extemporaneously, clothe their feelings. He remarked that they drew this from the inimitable language of the Prayer-book, which they generally used. So I can account for the beauty of the language employed by Mr. Beatty, when speaking on religious subjects, only by attributing it to his great acquaintance with his Bible and his Prayer-book. Being much surprised at the uncommon readiness with which he quoted scripture, I remarked to him one day not long before he died,—you seem to be well acquainted with God's word! "Yes," said he, hardly able to speak plainly, "I think I know it all from the beginning of"—and not being able to complete his sentence, I said "from the beginning of Genesis?" "Oh no," replied he, "that is too hard for me; but from the beginning of St. Matthew's Gospel to the end of Revelations." And when using the Prayer-book in his sick room I found him as well acquainted with it, as he was with his Bible. This knowledge was more remarkable, inasmuch as it was obtained in the evenings after being out on the canal all day, and on Sundays. From these inimitable books he drew spiritual food day by day. From these he learned to live, and from these he learned to die. He asked one of his friends one day, "if she knew the way to come to God with acceptance?" and, on being asked what he thought the best way, he replied, "you should go to the root of the matter: you should go back, as far as your memory will