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MRS. BEATTY.

*From a photograph taken shortly before starting on
the fatal journey.*

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TO THE
BEREAVED HUSBAND AND CHILDREN
This Memoir
IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED

PREFACE

IN a letter of sympathy to Mr. Beatty after the sudden loss of his wife, I suggested that a Memoir of her would be very desirable, meaning that he himself should prepare it. The idea of myself as writer of it had never entered my thoughts. In his reply Mr. Beatty earnestly took up the suggestion, expressing a wish for me to undertake the work. I could scarcely think him serious at the time, and pointed out to him my utter incompetence, as I had had no experience in any sustained literary effort. Nothing farther then passed on the subject.

Mr. Beatty returned from India the following year, but up to the very end of his stay at home the matter was not again alluded to. However, the last night I saw him at his own house he renewed the request, and reasoned me out of my scruples, saying, it was only a simple record of his dear wife's good life that was wanted, it would *do good*, might *help others*, and that no special literary qualification was needed. &

was thus, in the late days of October 1893, that the decision was come to, when Mr. Beatty put into my hands journals and letters required for the narrative. Transmission of the manuscript to and from India and elsewhere has further delayed publication.

Had Mrs. Beatty's death been an ordinary one, a Memoir might never have been thought of, but from the appalling tragedy which so suddenly took her from us, a Divine illumination seemed to break forth on her life, and reveal its rare devotion and goodness. Yet it was only a very quiet life, without much incident or adventure of any kind; so quiet that many may deem its details unworthy of print.

I would apologise for the sameness and tameness of the book. Her life was not dull, but very bright and beautifully happy. But I feel as if the book had been written from the end, rather than from the beginning, so heavily was my own spirit shadowed all the way through by the sad event.

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Also to the Rev. Robert Jeffrey, M.A., minister of Portadown, who, though at the time in feeble health, most willingly furnished me with materials for