Bititual Retortor

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been obliged to discard it. Tu assist him in
understanding the subject, the plain reader
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ehapters and verses as we now have them, chapters and verses as we now have them,
but each was contunuous. The division was
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(See John viii; 1; this verse should evi-
dently have been attached at the close of the
7th chaper.) In thould be known and re-
membered also by the unlearned reader, that
the Jews the guardians of the ancient serip
tures, executed their trust with the most
jealous and vigilant care. When a new
copy of their scripturss was made by the
slow procese of transcription, these keepers
of the sacred amuals not only took care that
the work, as it progressed, should be per
formed with the utmost accuracy, bat when
it was completed, they counted both the
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| conld have been made by any transcriber, and get bave escaped the watchful ejes of all these vigilant ind tireless custodians.There is another difficulty about this assum ed truisposition. If you take the paragraphs |
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