

THE PRUSSIAN SOLDIER.

AT the time of the late Prussian war, a husband, and at the same time a father, was called to serve in the ranks, upon which a fellow-countryman of his, who was unmarried, presented himself saying, that he having no wife or children dependent on him, his life was of less importance than the other, and that he was willing to serve in his stead. Such an offer, under the circumstances, was not likely to be rejected, he accordingly took the place of substitute for his friend, went forth into the field, and fell in battle.

After this there was another conscription, and the survivor, through an oversight on the part of the Government, was again required to serve. Now however, he had a plea in his favor, which at first he had not. How do you suppose he answered the summons? He answered it thus: "*I am dead, I have lost my life in serving my country, and she has no further claim upon me;*" and so it actually was, *he had died in the person of his substitute*, and hence a living man as he was, he could *reckon himself to be dead* and therefore exempted from exposing his life in the field.

Reader, have you found a substitute? there is a dreadful conflict impending, and scripture is full of the awful judgment about to be executed on a wicked world, which has so long been in rebellion against its rightful sovereign and under the power of a usurper, having murdered the heir. Christ Jesus is a propi-