

JOHN III. 16.

AMONG the thousands of instances in which the above wonderful verse of scripture has been distinctly used in the conversion of souls, the two following are remarkable.

A well known servant of Christ has related the following narrative, given to himself by the individual who is the subject of it.

X—— was an infidel, and his wife likewise. On one occasion, when taking a solitary walk, he was about to cross a stile, no human being was in sight, but X—— felt conscious of being surrounded by a Presence he could not see, and it seemed as though a voice said to him "If there be no God, go on." He could not; the words were I think repeated, but he could not move a step forward. He found however that he could turn round; and impelled by the same Power, he retraced his steps; and entering his house, asked his wife if they had a bible. His knees were trembling as he returned, and she thought he was ill. She replied that they had not a bible, but he insisted on her going out to borrow one. When he had received it, he turned to one passage after another, but every one seemed to utter only condemnation, until he came to John iii. 16, which the Lord used to give rest to his soul. Thus he became a witness of free and sovereign grace.

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