

He was wounded for our transgressions—Isa. liii. 5.

The Soldier's Bible.

YES, here it is, the soldier's Bible, with the bullet mark in the centre, torn and tattered.

What must that soldier have felt as he looked at it and remembered that it had turned aside from him the stroke of death?

Little he thought that day he placed his Bible in his pocket and went into the battle-field of Tel-el-Kebir it was to receive the bullet that otherwise would have been his death. Think you

not, reader, that he would ever have an affection for that book, and that every time he looked on those tattered leaves they would seem to say to him, "I saved you from death, though it has cost me this." And has not the living Word, the Son of God, done for the believer that which the written Word of God did for this soldier. He has saved—but at what a price!

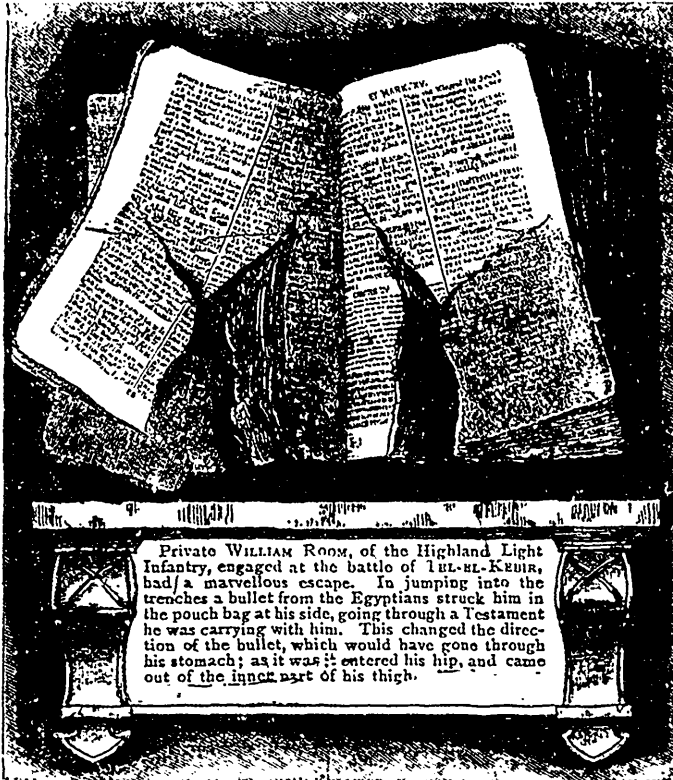
Was it not on the cross that He bore the stroke of Divine justice that would have fallen on guilty man, and that will yet fall on the Christ-rejector?

Are you one, reader, who can say, as you gaze by faith at the Lord Jesus, "He has been smitten and I have escaped"? Has your heart been moved with love as He has shown you His nail-pierced hands and bleeding side, and said to you, "I have saved you, but it has cost me this"?

Through the bitter agony of Calvary's cross, and that dark hour when the face of God was hidden, He has turned aside the stroke of justice from the believing sinner; that stroke which would have hurled the guilty one from the presence of a holy God, a God of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, a God who will by no means clear the guilty, and yet in infinite grace and mercy He has accepted His Son in the sinner's

stead, so that now there is no more judgment to those that are in Christ Jesus (Rom. viii. 1).

No more judgment—what a thought, reader! No more terror, then, of the great white-throne day, for, wondrous thought, on that very throne will be seated, not only the World's Judge, not only the One before whom angels veil their faces, but the One who has so loved us as to give Himself for us. "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us." "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom. viii. 34, 35).



Christ Died for our Sins.

HE heavens and the earth are full of proofs of God's love and goodness, but the grandest proof of His love is this, that "Christ died for our sins."

"In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

"Greater love hath no man than

this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. For God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more, then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.