

tainly ;” he had no doubt, if he was faithful in running the race he would receive the reward. And just a little before his death, we hear him saying : (2 Tim. iv. 7,) “ I have finished my course, and henceforth there is laid up for me

a crown of righteousness, which the Lord will give me in that day,—the day when the Lord shall come to reward his people. And in the Epistle to the Hebrews, chap. xii, 1, he exhorts Christians to run with patience the race set before them.



This cut represents the exercise of *boxing* or *fighting* ; and this is an exercise to which the life of the Christian is frequently compared. Now, when persons *fight*, it is against their enemies. And the Christian has enemies. The devil, and wicked men are enemies to him ; and he must fight against them continually. Hence his life is called a *warfare* : and the Apostle Paul says, “ So fight I, not as one that beateth the air.” (1 Cor. ix, 26.) It was something more than an imaginary conflict,—it was a real warfare against mighty enemies. But he did not regret it ; for at the close of his life he said, “ I

have fought a good fight,” and he had “ kept the faith ” in spite of all his enemies. So will it be with every Christian who is faithful. He may have hard fighting, but he is sure of the victory and the crown.

The next picture represents another exercise somewhat similar to the preceding one, and is also spoken of in the Scriptures. This is *wrestling* ;—an exercise which requires great exertion and skill, and perseverance to insure success, and especially so, when those with whom we wrestle are equal, or superior in strength to ourselves. In the Grecian games they had the privilege of choosing for themselves with whom they