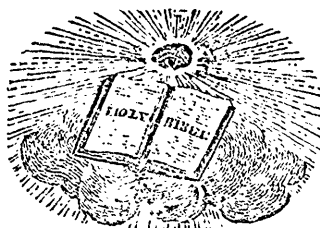


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## THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFLICTS.

We offer our youthful readers in the present number of the *Guardian*, some *cuts*, illustrating the exercises of the Grecian games, to some of which the Apostle Paul refers, especially in his epistles to those who were acquainted with the nature of these different games. And in making use of such occasions, for the purpose of enforcing more strongly upon Christians the necessity of earnestness and perseverance in seeking their own salvation, the Apostle followed the example of the Saviour, who taught the people by parables, or by describing the things of this world in which they were daily engaged,—he instructed them more clearly in the great truths of salvation which he came to teach.

These games were most common amongst the Greeks; they were

celebrated at an early period of their history, and exerted a very important influence upon their national character. These periodical celebrations were seasons of great interest to all classes of the people. At the commencement, these games were celebrated in honour of the illustrious dead, but were afterwards connected with the religious festivals of the nation,—were deemed *sacred*, and regarded as a part of their religious worship. The exercises of these games were, the chariot race, foot races, boxing, wrestling, leaping, and throwing the quoit. The victors received rewards they highly prized, but which were things of really but little, or no value, consisting mostly of wreaths or crowns of pine leaves, parsley, or laurels. The Apostle Paul refers to these games, especially, in his Epistle to the Grecian Christians at Corinth.