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## WAVING THE PALM.

And many spread their garments in the way and cutters down branches off the trees and strewed them in the way. And they that went before and they that followed cried, saying, "Hosanna to the King of Israel, that cometh in the name of the Lord." Such was the reception given to Jesus as that first Palm Sunday he entered into Jerusalem. Doubtless the crowds which welcomed him with shouts and hosannas were sincere. But how many of those enthusiastic ones were ready to shout "Hosanna to the Highest" a few days later? Christianity accomplishes a great deal. Persons may be very sincere in their manifestations of sentiment when under exhortation, but when the trial comes then is the test. When Jesus rode along the way there were doubtless hundreds who would have been willing to follow Him if ever had such a request been made. But even Peter denied his Lord when he was put to the test.

Nowadays, among Christians, there is a great deal of waving of palm branches when their faith in Jesus is but a hazy sort of theory. Their voices join loudly in His worship by hymn or by prayer. They give all of what they possess, some even making it a point not to give more than a tithe, and they enlarge the borders of their phylectaries of virtues.

This on Sunday. How many of those do not deny their Lord in their every-day life? There is denial passive and denial active. Peter's denial was active, due to mental cowardice, no doubt. Those who torsoed Jesus and denied him passively, Tempemation, while it strengthens those who resist, weakens those who yield. In every-day life a man is beset by temptation to deny his Saviour many times, perhaps, during the week, and the waving of palm branches on Sunday, and the shouting of hosannas will have little effect, if the sentiments thus expressed are not sustained at all times by the endeavor to imitate Jesus in meekness, gentleness, charity, mercy, purity and love to God and man.

Those who try in all sincerity, and indeed, enthusiasm, to do this will be found an acceptable people in His sight when He comes.

## THE LOTTERY CHASE.

We see from Southern papers that a fresh outbreak of lottery business is threatened from the Mexican border. Two of these institutions, with high-sounding titles, and of course under the management of most eminent and distinguished men—one of which, by the way, has its drawings supervised by another famous Confederate officer—are now offering for the patronage of the silly and gullible, or the reckless and adventurous of our American people. No matter what may be done to stop that nefarious business inside of our own state, it will continue just so long as the newspapers publish their flaming advertisements, and the mails transport the money.

We see, also, as pandering to this morbid taste, that newspapers themselves offer prize boxes of monthly opening, whereby they speciously propose to divide profits with their subscribers, but which is really nothing more than a lottery on a small scale, limited, however, to their circulation.

The boldness of these philanthropic plans is equalled only by the coldness of the charity of the Louisiana concern. The prints of the newspaper or the mercantile could be much better, and more certainly distributed among their respective patrons by putting down the price of the article sold; and the charity of the other lottery concerns is fairly exhibited upon the face of their advertisements, wherein it appears that for two millions of dollars taken in for tickets, only a trifle over half that amount is paid out in prizes; so that if clubs were formed and all the tickets bought for the benefit of the subscribers, they would find themselves out of pocket at each drawing very close to one million of dollars. It is much to be regretted that the Federal and State authorities do not combine to extirpate these blood-suckers.

## THE COPYRIGHT BILL.

It is said that the Copyright bill will shortly come up in Congress, it having already been reported favorably by the committee. It is to be hoped that when it does come up, the South will put itself on record as being the rest of the rest of the civilized world.

It is a fact worthy of careful consideration that with every political reform suggested the names of Grover Cleveland are associated.

WIND raised almost as much dust Friday as did the sweeper, which worked Wednesday night without the streets being watered.

WHEN that political cyclone comes in 1892, woe is to the Republican household upon the sun.

PLUCKY Louisville! She will provide for her own emergency, though grateful for kindly offers of aid from other cities.

THE glass trust is too transparent for its purposes to be concealed from the public.

NOW let everybody unite to make the Rosemary Reading Room a success.

A small fire.

The alarm of fire about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was first given at 10th and Main street.

The opponents of copyright claim that they may not indeed please the extreme advocates of either theory; but Sir Walter Scott thought that as the Laird deemed Roben's grave too long and old Deanans considered it unso short, perhaps it was after all, about the right length. For a long time a sufficient number of the publishers were opposed to a copyright for the passage of any measure providing for it; then the typographers felt their rights to be endangered; but the publishers have, with some exceptions, seen the error of their ways and fallen into line, whilst the present bill protects the types by providing that to obtain the copyright the copies filed with the Librarian of Congress must be set up in this country, and the typographical Union are among its most earnest advocates.

The chief arguments urged against a copyright are that one is better so much of a pactical newspaper, like the Chicago

Tribune, or a pactical publisher employing them, than to find them urged by men of usually sound views and correct principles.

The opponents of copyright claim that protection and cheap books. In the first place, it might say to the ordinary mind seem a sufficient reply to that right is right, irrespective of theory or price, and that one has no right to rob another to maintain low prices. But it can be shown that the arguments are manifestly fallacious. A copy-right is not "protection" in the technical sense of the term, it is much more fundamental, it is simply a security to the actual creator and sole owner of a literary work that he shall not have his property torn from him. It is the protection which every person, citizen or alien, possesses as to all other species of property.

The talk about cheap books is cheap-as-gumption. Mr. Lowell aptly said, "in one occasion, that there is nothing better than a cheap book, and that is a book honest enough to its owner." To our Southern men this argument must recommend itself. But, in truth, this idea about cheap books is undermined, or at least, will apply only to the broad satiric and lower French imitation whose prurient titles are thrust under our noses on the trains. These ought to be driven out.

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