

at Gettysburg. While this hallowed spot is sacred to the memory of the brave soldiers who faced death for the love of country, it will remain a monument of disgrace to Lincoln's Administration, whose imbecility drove our brave army into the jaws of death to meet a useless encounter. Yet, Mr. Lincoln, not abashed, mounts a rostrum erected over the graves of his countrymen, made by his own blundering incapacity, and jabbars some vulgar jargon to the multitude, who had assembled there with the expectation of hearing an appropriate address. The President, after being loudly called upon came forward, and with considerable exertion, got off the following, which not only created great laughter, but is considered by many of his admirers, as his very best joke.

"I appear before you, fellow-citizens, merely to thank you for this compliment. The inference is a very fair one that you would hear me for a little while at least, were I to commence to make a speech. I do not appear before you for the purpose of doing so and for several substantial reasons. The most substantial of these is, that I have no speech to make. In my position it is somewhat important that I should not say any foolish things. (A voice: if you can help it.) It very often happens that the only way to help it is to say nothing at all. Believing that is my present condition this evening, I must beg of you to excuse me from addressing you further."

While such buffoonery over the graves of the slaughtered brave who perished at Gettysburg, meets the approbation of Lincoln's worshippers, it may not appear so mirthful to the relatives of those who fell in that murderous strife. Alas for American statesmanship! Alas for the future of our country, while such ignorance and vulgarity control our public affairs.

"It is the Chief himself,  
Who thus his hearers' glee provokes,  
And ushers in the solemn day  
He comes to crown, with gibes and jokes!"