

A CHAPTER OF RECENT HISTORY.

President Lincoln and the Virginia Rebels

SECRETARY SEWARD'S CONDITION.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

The Plot of the Assassins.

Mr. Lincoln directed that a few hours later he fell beside his death-bed a moment before he died. He had commanded that order. Fortunately, Thompson and Tucker did not come to the States after the conspirators had murdered the man who could have saved them from their doom.

Mr. Seward exhibits wonderful vitality, but his physicians have little hope that his mouth will ever recover its symmetry. It is likely to be awry, and probably power will be lacking entirely to close the lower jaw. Several days since the Secretary, with characteristic unselfishness wrote upon a slate: "For myself I care nothing; but the people should have been more watchful for their President."

Evidence discloses that there were ten conspirators in the plot; that at a meeting held in Memphis they selected by lot the assassin of the President. Our authorities have a letter which says: "It becomes your happy lot to destroy this tyrant. You can select the cup, the blade or the bullet; *but you know the cup has once been tried, and it failed.*"

The unhappy lady—the daughter of a New-England Senator—to whom Booth was affianced, is plunged in profoundest grief, but with womanly fidelity, is slow to believe him guilty of this appalling crime, and asks, with touching pathos, for evidence of his innocence.

President Johnson wisely determines to show the world, that in spite of this fearful tragedy, the protection of our Executive is not, even now, to be in the bayonets of a guard, but in the love and vigilance of the people. He exposes himself in public places with the utmost indifference. A gentleman, meeting him on Wednesday, in the parlor of the Kirkwood-House, asked:

"Mr. President, is it wise for you thus to jeopard yourself?"

He replied: "Yes. I have already been shot at twice, you remember, without injury. Threatened men live long."

There is no reason to doubt that President Johnson's policy will be wise, besides, like all officials in this country, he is subject to the judgment and criticism of the people. He will not long pursue any

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