

### MASONIC INSTALLATION AND LEVEE.

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There were very interesting ceremonies at the Masonic Temple, Plattsburgh, N. Y., Wednesday evening, the 29th December, where the officers of the Royal Arch Chapter and Clinton Lodge [of Free accepted Masons were installed. The installation services took place in the Lodge Room, and were attended not only by the Masonic fraternity, but many ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the courtesies extended, and witnessed with much satisfaction and delight the "secret" doings of the Brethren of the "Mystic Tie."

The installation of the lodge officers was conducted by R. W. Deputy Grandmaster S. W. Gregory, assisted by R. W. Deputy Grand Marshal S. P. Bailey. The Chapter officers were installed by R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest Z. C. Platt, assisted by R. E. Deputy Grand Marshal S. P. Bailey. Rev. Henry M'Clory, Rector of Trinity Church, and Chaplain of Clinton Lodge, performed the religious duties of the occasion, which added much to its solemnity.

Immediately after the installation, an address of power and eloquence, and withal very pleasing, was delivered by J. H. Graham, L. L. D., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec. He traced the rise, progress, and benefits of Free Masonry, proving its influence on the ages. Mr. Graham is the Principal of the St. Francis College, of Richmond, Province of Quebec. He is a man of liberal and progressive views, and great versatility of talent.—*Plattsburgh Sentinel.*

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CANADA EAST.—We have received a copy of the Proceedings of the Convention of the representatives of twenty-one Lodges, held on the 20th and 21st days of October last, 1869, at the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, for the purpose of, and also organizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

This body has been formed in defiance of the authority of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The parties to this organization state that, as the Dominion of Canada is now divided into the Province of Ontario and the Province of Quebec, that all that part of Masonry included in the Province of Quebec should have a Grand Lodge of their own, and that they have so organized accordingly, and ask for recognition by other Grand Bodies.

There is, undoubtedly, a show of fair reasoning in the premises. They say, truly that every State in the Union has a Grand Lodge of its own, and that they feel justified, therefore, in demanding the like privilege, conceding to the Province of Ontario the same right it claims, asks that its claim for recognition as a Grand Lodge be cheerfully granted by all other Grand Lodges.

This is a solid reason, which cannot be disputed, and we think they have a right to what they ask, seeing that Masonry has no private purposes to serve. No doubt the extent of the domain of Canada demands two Grand Bodies for purposes of convenience.

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—All the Freemasons of Europe were summoned to meet in general convention at Paris, on the day when the Œcumenical Council met in Rome, the Grand Master of France having a singular idea that the Roman assembly menaces the Order.