

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THE ceremonial of installing Lord Viscount Bernard as P. G. M., of Ireland, took place recently in the Masonic Hall, Tuckey Street, Cork, in the presence of a large number of the Brethren.

CLEVELAND LODGE No. 211, of Chicago, Ill., has the largest membership of any Lodge in that State. It numbers 395 affiliates. Ewing Lodge No. 705, at Ewing has but nine members.

BRO. ANDROS CASSARD, of New York, is about to publish a history of fifty years of his life as connected with the Masonic Fraternity. The work will be issued in the Spanish and English languages.

THE reporter of the New York *Times* gained admission into the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, New York, to report its proceedings. In time it was discovered that he was a profane.

BRO. ENOCH T. CARSON, G. C. of Ohio, has the largest private Masonic library in the United States. Bro. Robert F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, P. G. C. and G. H. Priest of that State, has the next to the largest private Masonic library in the United States.

THE Philadelphia *Keystone*, which is among the most successful Masonic journals, commenced its new volume by donning a new dress, and really looks vastly improved in appearance. We have no more welcome exchange than the *Keystone*; it has our congratulations on its increasing prosperity.

THE initial number of a new Masonic magazine, *The Canadian Freemason*, has reached us and a very good appearance it makes too. We cordially welcome it, and wish it abundant success. With the promises it gives, we see no reason to doubt that it will prove an able exponent of the true principles of Masonry.

FREEMASONRY powerfully develops all the social and benevolent affections; it mitigates without, and annihilates within, the virulence of political and theological controversy; and it affords the only natural ground on which all ranks and classes can meet in perfect equality, and associate, without degradation or mortification, whether for purposes of moral instruction or social intercourse.—*Earl of Durham*.

SAMUEL WESLEY, the distinguished organist of England, the son of the Rev. Charles Wesley, and nephew of Rev. John Wesley, the father of Methodism, was made a Mason December 17th, 1788. In 1812 he was Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of England. He composed the anthem performed at the Union of the Grand Lodges of England, in 1813.

KING OSCAR, the present sovereign of Sweden, who ascended the throne in Sept., 1872, is also Grand Master of the Swedish Masons, having succeeded his brother, the late King, both as head of the State and head of the Order. He is about forty four years of age, and distinguished for literary capacity, being the author of several prose and poetical works, which indicate much intellectual culture.

“Brethren! by the precious token
Which the sons of mercy wear,
By the vows you oft have spoken
Graved with truth and sealed with prayer,
Penury's pathway strive to brighten,
Misery with compassion meet,
And the heart of sorrow brighten
Till our own shall cease to beat.”

ON July 11th ult., a most interesting and impressive ceremony was performed in the town of Epworth, England, which has attained something of historic note as being the birth-place of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

The always impressive ceremony of consecration was rendered more so on this occasion by a soul-stirring address delivered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Daniel Ace, D. D., of Lodge No. 423, in which he took occasion to allude to the similarity of Freemasonry to the great work which John Wesley had in view, viz: the acknowledgement of one vast brotherhood under one Common Father.—*London Freemason*.

THE NAMES OF ENGLISH LODGES.—Falmouth rejoices in a Lodge of Love and Honor; Winchester, in a Lodge of Economy; Gravesend, in a Lodge of Freedom; the London Tavern has a Lodge of Felicity; Fetter Lane, a Strong Man Lodge; Cambridge, a Scientific Lodge; Whitehaven, a Sun, Square and Compasses Lodge; Burnley, a Lodge of Silent Temple; Warrington, a Lodge of Lights; Preston, a Lodge of Unanimity. while Madras has a Lodge of Perfect Unanimity; Calcutta has a Lodge