

ceedings at the banquet of the Masonic veterans at Columbus, Ohio, in October last :

“The Craft, the Craft, the brave old Craft,  
That has weathered the storm so long ;  
It has won renown from Crozier and Crown,  
And a leaf from the child of song”—

And asked “where does this genial stanza come from ?” Bro. Cornelius Moore, in his *Masonic Review* for March, informs us that it is from a song written by an English brother some years ago, and published to the music of another English song—“The Brave Old Oak.” He picked up the song and music in an old book store in London, in 1859, and republished it in the *Review* a short time after.

THE Masonic editor of the *New York Courier* says: We have already noticed the fact that the Masonic parade in June will be one of the grandest ever beheld in this city, and we are now getting advices which bear out what we then stated. From our Albany correspondent we learn that Temple Commandery, No. 2, has decided by vote to take part in the dedication procession. The Knights expect to turn out with full ranks, and there is reason to believe that the command will be at least 150 strong. A band of thirty pieces has been engaged, and will be under the direction of Sir J. H. B. Sullivan. From Philadelphia and Boston the news reaches us of the preparations that are being made for a brilliant representation of the Knights of those cities during the ceremonies of dedication; and we are positively advised that the New York Knights do not intend that they shall be behind their fratres.

BRO. SIR HENRY EDWARDS, Bart., has accepted the Provincial Grand Mastership of West Riding, Yorks, at the invitation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M. W. G. M.

BRO. H. A. DUBOIS has been appointed Secretary to the Surrey Masonic Hall Company, in place of Brother Edwin Sillifant, deceased.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR GEORGE ELLIOTT, M. P., P. G. S. W., Middlesex.—On the 31st March last a banquet, attended by upwards of a thousand persons, took place in the Market-Hall, in the city of Durham. At the same time a magnificent dessert service in silver, by Hunt and Roskell, was presented to Sir George. The service, consisting of ten pieces, cost £2,000, and was subscribed for by friends and admirers of the hon. baronet. The Marquis of Londonderry occupied the chair, and made the presentation.

HER Majesty the Queen has been pleased to issue a Royal Commission to inquire into the working of the Factory and Workshops' Act to, among others, Bro. Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, Past Grand Senior Warden.

LONGE ST. MUNGO, Glasgow, Scotland, on March 4th ult., celebrated its 146th Anniversary. The Festival took the form of an assembly and supper, in which the wives and sweethearts of the brethren participated. For a number of years past 25 members have been annually added to this flourishing lodge.

THE Bible is the first Great Light in Masonry. In connection with it, our readers, says the *Keystone*, may be pleased to know that the first Bible Society in the United States was instituted in *Philadelphia*, in the year 1808; the second in Hartford, Connecticut, in May, 1809; and the third in Boston, Mass., in July, 1809.

## MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THE Freemasons of Alexandria, Egypt, support a Masonic paper in the Arabic language.

FROM a table recently published we find that there are 48 Grand Lodges, 6,142 Lodges, and 582,178 enrolled Master Masons in the United States.

THE proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States show that there are 37 Grand Chapters, 2,014 R. A. Chapters, and 123,779 R. A. Masons in the Union.

BRO. WM. JAMES HUGHAN, the foremost living Masonic historian of England, was made a Mason in 1863, in St. Aubyn Lodge, Devonport.

THE Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, at its last communication expelled a brother for declaring himself to be a demitted Mason, when he knew himself to be suspended.

KING KALAKAUA is a 32° Mason.

THE Grand Lodge of Kentucky, at its last annual communication, numbered over six hundred members. So large a number of gentlemen never before assembled in Kentucky in the interests of brotherly love.

ILLINOIS says that no W. M. elect can be installed until he has been invested with the secrets of the chair, and that none but actual Past Masters shall be present to assist in imparting those secrets. It also rules that a brother is restored to member-