## SHAFTESBURY HALL ITEMS.

the number of districts.

The Supreme Secretary is sending the District Deputys' commissions this week.

There are one or two districts to fill

Lodges or private officers or members desiring to purchase Bourinot's new book on Rules of Order, etc., which was adopted by the Supreme Grand Lodge as the standard work for the Society to be governed by, would do well to communicate with the Supreme retary before giving orders; it will be to their advantage.

May 31st is the last day for receiving alterations or amendments to the new

The Beneficiary Board will meet as were served and was carried out.

The Supreme Secretary has issued new forms of application for the Bene-ficiary.

Thirty-two policies were issued at the first meeting on April 4th; there ought to be 50 or 75 applications each month. Past Grand President R. Caddick was the first call in Class B.

#### HONORING THE S. C. PRESIDENT

RECEPTION TO BRO. HANCOCK, S.G.P., AND BRO. J. JACKSON, D.D.G.P., HAMILTON.

Ald. Hancock, the supreme grand sident of the Sons of England, st have felt flattered at the recep tion given to him by the members of Acorn. and . Hamilton lodges in St. George's Hall, Hamilton, on Tuesday ng, April 10th. Among those were: Geo. Clatworthy, of Toronto, supreme grand vice-president J. W. Carter, of Toronto, supreme Carter, of Toronto, peretary; Thomas Skippon, of president, Toronto, past supreme grand president and John Jackson, district deputy

It was the regular meeting of Acorn dge, and the work of the lodge was

The following address, which was sautifully illuminated, was presented

ther:—It is with the utmost pride and pleasure that we greet and welcome you within the portals of Acorn lodge as the supreme grand president of the Sons of England. We know well, deer sir, how highly you esteem the honor conferred upon you, in heine ar sir, how highly you esteem the nor conferred upon you, in being steed to preside over and to guide d guard the destinies of our noble der, which now extends its ramifica-ins throughout the length and eadth of our beloved country and

Naturally we too, sir, feel proud be-rond measure that a brother of Acorn odge should be supreme grand presi-ent. We can testily that your untir-age efforts during the whole time you have been associated with the society to advance the individual welfare of ur fellow-countrymen, and to spread a principles inculcated by the society, and your manly uprightness and the ng integrity of purpose that have ted you in the discharge of your ctive duties in subordinate and Grand Lodge, together with your fervent patriotism towards grand old England, our beloved Queen and the British empire, have richly merited the universal esteem of every Son of

"Our continued prayer shall be that of will bless you with increased wis-om to further pursue the work of prending our principles until every Englishman is enrolled in our ranks and pledged to perpetuate the glory of the British empire to the remotest time. We have the honor to be, worthy supreme grand president, your faithful and obedient brethren of

D. D. G. P. Jackson was also honor ed, the following address being presented to him :

"To John Jackson, right worthy deputy grand president of Hamilton district, greeting: Dear Sir and Bro ther-We, members and brethren of Lodge Hamilton 123, desire to exss to you our pleasure in being privileged to offer you our hearty congratulations and felicitations in connection with the great honor conterred upon you in having been selected to represent our esteemed supreme grand president in Hamilton district for the present year. We are confident that you will fulfil the duties of this

nerous and very responsible position with ability and dignity, and thus reflect honor not only on yourself, but also on your fellow-brethren of The Supreme Executive has increased Hamilton lodge 123, and on our beloved order in general. Wishing you all success and prosperity in your labors for the welfare of the district during your term of office, we are ours fraternally, the officers and embers of Lodge Hamilton 123."

Speeches were made by the suprem grand president and the district deputy thanking the members for the presen-tation. Speeches were also made by the grand lodge officers, in which they spoke very highly of Ald. Hancock and referred to the progress of the order.

After the adjournment of the lodge the doors were thrown open, and a pleasant social time was spent. Members of the other local lodges were present by invitation. Refreshments were served and a capital programme

#### District Deputies.

The following are the District Deputy Grand Lodge officers whose appointments have been confirmed by the Supreme Executive:-

ONTARIO

C. F. Chanter, Box 629, Chatham. R. Wray, London.

A. J. Neil, St. Thomas. Thos. Jackson, Clinton. G. H. Golding, Box 415, Brantford.

J. Poland. Stratford.

C. Squire, Box 526, Galt. J. Taylor, Guelph.

W. P. Lyon, Niagara Falls. John Jackson, 43 West Ave. south,

John Nettleton, Collingwood. G. W. Sibbett, Parry Sound. F. L. Somerville, Lindsay.

Jos. Clatworthy, Hampton.

E. R. Blow, Whitby.
A. E. Bailey, Campbellford.
E. M. Smith, Kingston.

R. W. Haydon, Almonte. Thos. Ferguson, West Toronto. Geo. Evans, Centre Toronto. H. Dobell, East Toronto.

H. Aisthorne, North Toronto. QUEBEC. G. A. Hoerner, Richmond.

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Misterical Battles-Noteworthy Events in the Story of the Creation of the British Empire.

> OFF USHANT, 1794. (Continued from last issue.)

At a quarter past seven Earl Howe signalled that he should attack the enemy's centre, under their commander-in-chief, and a few minutes after-Pending these manceuvres, the crews

off, with her spritsail set. As Captain 129 wounded; of the former se their line, and engage to leeward. Harvey, wounded and bleeding, when the latter forty, were officers. were piped to breakfast; after which the drums beat to quarters, and the borne into his cabin, he criedships having cleared away for action, Each ship was to steer for and engage independently the ship opposed to her in the French line. To carry out this new arrangements were some

ry, so that the vessels should be equally matched. These being the Vengeur tearing away the three speedily effected, the line of the anchors of the Brunswick, and receivequally British was dressed as perfectly as it could been done at Spithead; and Ramilies, which now came into action. the signal for close action flying at the After this the water poured in so fast masthead of the Queen Charlotte, Lord at her larboard ports that 400 of her Howe emphatically closed his signal- crew were rescued by the boats of the book, as if he considered that for the Alfred, Culloden, and Rattler, after present it would no more be needed."

Cæsar, 80 guns, had thrown her maintopsail aback, and others were lagging astern under too little sail.

through the French line, passing between the Mucius Scevola and the Tourville, two seventy-fours, and owing to the French astern not being attacked, wassoon placed apart and surrounded by a concentrated fire of which she came the centre or vortex. With all her guns engaged, and every musket blazing from tops and poop, she Mucius, after a few broadsides, found it convenient to stretch out to windward of the Marlborough, under the Hon. Captain Berkeley, and the Tourville the Phaeton, after fifty-two of her

crew had been killed or wounded. The Queen Charlotte, with the signal for close battle flying, surging through the waves under a press of bellying and, as she shot ahead, that of the Montagne, so close, it is said, that the great tricolour which waved on the the assistance of the latter." flagstaff touched her ratifies. She Eventually these were beaten off, done on short notice and at fair prices While dropping astern the Jacobin reolied with such guns as her crew could get to bear on the Queen Charlotte, the foretopmast of which was shot away.

Nevertheless, she continued pouring er battery into the huge French flagship, which, singular to say, kept her lee ports shut until, at about a quarter to ten, she forged ahead, her decks the bodies of 100 killed and 200 wounded

The Marlborough, the Royal George, the Queen, and the Brunswick were the only ships which, in addition to the Defence and flag-ship pushed through the enemy's line.

The Brunswick followed closely astern of the admiral, receiving, as his ship did, the fire of the Achille and Vengeur. Her three starboard anchors got hooked in the rigging of the latter; and Stewart, the master, asked Captain Harvey if he "should cut her clear."

"No," replied the captain; "we have ot her, and shall keep her fast.' Almost muzzle to muzzle,

cannonade was as close as it was deadly; and the Frenchman's small arms, together with his thirty-six-pounder poopguns loaded with langridge shot, made dreadful slaughter on the quarterdeck of the Brunswick. Many officers fell killed and wounded, and Captain Harvey had his sword-hand shattered. Through the smoke the Achille bore down, her gangways and outer rigging black with a swarm of boarders armed

ed with their men to those on the port creep off under their spritsails. maining. A few more broadsides plunged through her and then the colours were struck, as she rolled helplessly in the trough of the sea; but as the crew of the Brunswick were unable to take possession, the tricolour was wards that he should break through hoisted again, and she began to make struck by a double-headed shot, was

"Persevere, my brave lads, in your the ports were triced up, and in a few duty. Continue the action with spirit, minutes another signal was seen to for the honour of our king and counflutter out from the Admiral's ship. try; and remember my last words-"The colours of the Brunswick shall never be struck!'

He died of his wounds on the 30th of

The two ships swung clear of other, the Vengeur tearing away the three ing some terrible broadsides from the which she went down, with her killed

surged through the deadly space between, she received a destructive fire from the three advanced ships of the Bearing boldly straight ahead, the Defence was the first to break well-delivered cannonade;" but about French, which she returned with a well-delivered cannonade;" but about to write this item, the following edicleven o'clock the admiral lost a leg, and was borne from the deck.

Just before the writer took up a pen to write this item, the following ediclined in the control of the writer took up a pen to write this item, the following edicleven o'clock the admiral lost a leg, was brought to his attention. It says: and was borne from the deck.

Admiral Graves, in the Royal Sovereign, engaged the Terrible, a three-decker, of 120 guns, bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Bouvet.

"At twenty-three minutes past nine a.m.," says the minute, Mr. James. "after having been struck by several defended herself vigorously; till the shots from the French van ships, the Royal Severeign commenced firing at the Terrible, whose battery promptly opened in return. The distance, however, at which the Royal Sovereign also made sail, but not until the had brought-to for engaging was con-Defence had all her spars shot away, sidered too great, and her signal to the mainmast falling in-board and engage closer was made, and kept flying choking up the deck with lumber; and some time. At a few minutes before at one p.m. she was taken in tow by ten a.m. Admiral Graves was badly wounded and carried off the deck; the command in consequence devolved on Captain Henry Nichols. At thirtyeight minutes past ten the Terrible had her main and mizzen masts shot away, canvas, steered direct for the port and immediately bore up, in doing quarter of the Montagne, 120 guns, the which she yawed so much that the flag-ship of Villared Joyeuse. In pass-ing she received the fire of the Vengeur, Seeing the enemy's van ships preparing to run, the Royal Sovereign now Achille, another seventy-four, whose hoisted the signal for a general chase, hull she shattered by one crashing and set courses, spritsail, jib, and staybroadside. Thence she bore right sails, in pursuit of the Terrible, where under the towering stern of the upon the Montagne and Jacobin. both upon the Montagne and Jacobin, both apparently fresh and unhurt, came to

raked the Frenchman fore-and-aft with when the Royal Sovereign hauled up, give the Anglo-Saxon the order. storm of iron, while to starboard she as well as the disabled state of her sails plied fast and furiously the Jacobin, 80 and rigging would permit. In guns, as that ship lay under her lee. obedience to the signal then flying to 'stay by prizes," at forty minutes past

two p.m., not knowing the Amerique, 74 guns, was in possession of the Russell, Captain Payne, she fired several shots at her.

Captain Pakenham handled his ship, the Impregnable, 98, in gallant style, and fought Le Juste, battering her in such a manner that on encountering drenched in blood, and strewed with broadside from the Queen Charlotte she struck her colours.

In the confusion of the battle the Mucius Scævola, in seeking to avoid the fire of the Defence, fell heavily on board the bows of the Malborough, and engaged her, so the brave British ship was beset by two double-deckers at once. As if these were not enough to contend with, the Montagne, in cross ing her stern, swept her deck with murderous broadside. Loaded with a langridge shot, her cannon scattered death and destruction over all the ship Captain Berkeley fell wounded, and the command devolved upon Lieutenant John Monkton, who maintained the unequal contest till the Aquilon, frigate, 32 guns, came to his assistance: but not until he had twenty-nine killed and ninety wounded lying on the decks.

Finding their line forced in many places, the French began to give way, and their admiral, on being attacked so furiously by the Queen Charlotte, bore up in great confusion, followed by all those ships that were able to spread canvas. Upon the smoke being with pistol, pike and cutlass. The cap- borne away by the wind, eight or ten

tains of the five aftermost guns on the of their ships were seen, some totally lower deck on the starboard side, rush- dismasted, and others endeavouring to

side; they increased their loading with cross-bar shot. Steady aim was taken, Juste, 80 guns each, and four seventy-Six of these, Le Sans Pareil and Le the port-fires fell, and these dreadful fours, were captured, and there were missiles swept the crowded gangways found on board of them 690 men killed of the Achille and brought down her and 580 wounded. According to the foremast, the only spar she had remaining. A few more broadsides were killed in the Montagne alone.

A distant and irregular firing was maintained at intervals between the fugitives and the British fleet till about four in the afternoon when we abandoned the pursuit.

Our total loss was only 68 killed and 129 wounded; of the former seven, and

On the arrival of Earl Howe at Spithead every honour was paid him. The royal family visited him on board his battered flag-ship; the king presented him with adiamond-hilted swordvalued at 3,000guineas, and a costly gold chain to be worn round the neck. Admiral Graves received an Irish peerage; Vice-Admiral Hood was created Viscount Bridport; while Admirals Bowyer, Gardiner, Pasley, and Curtis were made

baronets of the United Kingdom. Such is the story of the glorious 1st

of June, 1794.

"The French soldier," says a popular writer "knows that the standard he bears into battle has waved on many a victorious field; but the French seaman has no such ardent remembrance to animate him; he fights on an element About half-past nine the French van, under Admiral Bouvet, opened a distant fire upon ours, particularly on the Defence, 74, Captain Gambier, which forged ahead of the line, while, on the contrary, the leading ship, the Cæsar, 80 guns, had thrown her main-

#### DO YOU WANT IT.

torial article, from the Chicago Ledger, was brought to his attention. It says: "Nearly every day the newspapers give an account of some eminent man falling suddenly dead at his desk from heart disease. As a rule, no middle-aged man in active business dies thus suddenly unless poisoned, and that poison, in the majority of cases, is tobacco. Meanwhile the slaughter goes on. The press and pulpit seem muzzled, the majority being participants in the popu'ar vice, and those who are not seem hypnotized and afraid to speak out."

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