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OURSELVES.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the report of the meeting which took place at the Cannon Street Hotel on the 23rd ult., when Sir Albert Rollit, President of the London Chamber of Commerce, took the chair, and Lord Charles Beresford delivered a most interesting address on "The Past Work of the League and its Future Usefulness." A full account of the proceedings is given elsewhere, and it must be exceedingly gratifying to all connected with the League to thus observe the support this movement is accorded in the Metropolis, and by such an important body as the London Chamber of Commerce. That citizens should leave their business and come in hundreds to hear what the Navy League is doing is a proof that they appreciate its usefulness and realise the great principles which it is striving to inculcate. As members of a vast commercial community, they

they found that we desired only to see the Navy of this country put in a position to efficiently perform its extensive duties, and to educate the people as to what was required of its fleet, we received cordial support from the Navy. Many distinguished officers of both Services were at the meeting, and we trust the result of that gathering will be a large accession of members.

Outside London we have to record a successful meeting of the Bath Branch, held under the presidency of the Mayor—Mr. Rubie. An address on "Our Naval Supremacy and the Navy League," was delivered by Captain Eardley-Wilmot, R.N., and following speakers dwelt on the necessity for and usefulness of the Navy League. This Branch, which has not long been formed, now has, owing to the energy of its Committee and Hon. Secretary, a considerable number of members. We trust that other Branches will display similar activity, and that soon there will be a branch of the Navy League in every important town throughout the Empire.

Our *Journal*, as the official organ of the Navy League, and the means whereby all its members and associates are kept informed of the progress made both at home and abroad, is mainly devoted this month to our own proceedings; and by the report of the meetings at Toronto and Malta, that we are able to give, it is evident that this great national movement is as firmly established abroad as it is in this country.

A drawing-room meeting will be held at 3, Grosvenor Place (by the kind permission of the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., and

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The Portsmouth team practising for the Bold gun competition in the Royal Tournament

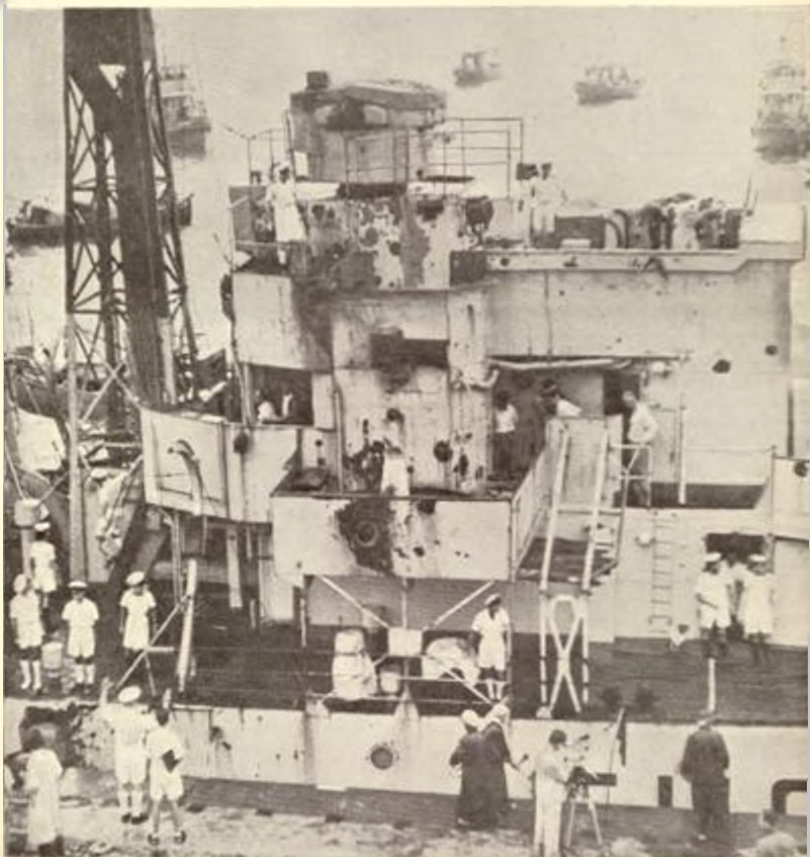
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HMS "Amethyst" alongside the wall in Hong Kong Naval Dockyard, after her epic dash down the Yangtze