

Nelson and Jellicoe.

For an hour and seven minutes—to quote the speaker's own estimate—Lieut. Commander Chamberlain, R.N., gripped, amused and thrilled his big audience in the Granville Theatre last Friday afternoon, as, by aid of diagram, anecdote, and lively acting, he told the century-parted stories of Trafalgar and Jutland. Commander Chamberlain was a midshipman back in the sixties, the period of transition from “wooden walls” to ironclads, while his father was a midshipman in the days of William IV, “the Sailor King”, when Nelson's captains had not yet become extinct. With the Nelsonian strain thus directly inherited, the speaker was able to describe, with great liveliness and intimacy, the days when His Majesty's sailors were recruited by press-gang, fed on weeviled biscuits, and engaged the enemy's ships at ramrod length. The conditions of the Jutland fight were thus made all the more vivid by contrast, while the spirit of Beatty was revealed as the light of Nelson's own.

The growth of Germany's naval aims and projects, and the history of the Kiel Canal were told in a racy, unacademic style that could come only from a sailor; while the speaker's informal anecdotes and little asides kept the patients chuckling every other minute. Commander Chamberlain is now retired from the Senior Service, but he still preserves the energy of a midshipman, and the spirit of the Nelson school.

It is lectures like this that help to keep a fellow keen on the war, and the Y.M.C.A. could not do better than arrange for others of the same flavor.

Shooting.

The Granville Rifle Club shot two very close matches last Wednesday and Thursday. In the outdoor shoot with the Nonington V.T.C. they registered 649 points to the Volunteers' 644. The following day on the armory range, the Ramsgate V.T.C. outshot the Granville boys by one solitary point, 779 to 778. Pte. Le Nourrey scored a possible for the Canadians.

In the monthly shoot-off for the Col. Watt cup, the Fourth Floor, who have lost Pte. Ballendine, had to surrender the trophy to the Personnel Team. Scores; Personnel 335, Fourth Floor 323, Third Floor 305. The prize donated by Mr. H. Gardiner for the highest individual score was conceded by Pte. Smith and Pte. Le Nourrey to Pte. Purdon, with a score of 71 points.

Football

The 41st Provisional Battalion brought a strong team to Chatham House on Saturday, and scored a 4 to 1 victory over the Nuts. The second half opened with the score 2-0, but Sergt. Towler promptly cracked the goose egg with one of his smashing goals. This, however, proved to be Granville's only chance to cheer.