

during the war, is known in London journalistic circles for his versatility and resourcefulness. Since he went to London from Nottingham, 21 years ago, to join the staff of Messrs. George Newnes, he has carried through many enterprises in journalism. He edited Black and White, and was literary editor of The Daily Mail, before founding The Harmsworth Self-Educator and The Children's Encyclopedia. In addition to writing several political biographies, Mr. Mee is the author of two volumes of "Letters to Boys and Girls." He is still editor of My Magazine—a monthly which sprang out of The Children's Encyclopedia. The strength of Britain Movement has discovered Mr. Mee's capacity as an orator. He speaks with passion and eloquence, and he has a gift for marshalling facts and figures in vivid style.

Mr. Henry Chant, who claimed to be the oldest Port Adelaide boatbuilder, passed away on June 26 at Port Augusta, where he had recently resided, at the age of 92 years. He was born in 1825 at Salcombe, 21 miles east of Plymouth, where he served a seven years' apprenticeship to a boatbuilder. This was at a time when the coast-guard service was no sinecure; in fact, rumour hath it that the same firm built some boats for the "service," and they had to be worthy vessels. The merry chops of the English Channel are not an American river. Mr. Chant arrived at Port Adelaide in 1854, and in sailing up our river said it was like going into the heart of a forest. Our new stunted mangroves in many cases were large trees; they were to a large extent cut down and burnt to produce a soapmaking ingredient. After a period of work at Farr's timber yard, Mr. Chant established a boatbuilding business at Port Adelaide. On the wreck of the Admella near Rivoli Bay in 1859, he took a contract to recover the ingots of silver-lead she was carrying, and for this purpose made enormous iron tongs, which had to be worked by hand from the deck of a barge; but as this could only be done in very fine weather, it proved a difficult and dangerous undertaking. This work done,

and most of the members of our boating fraternity not having yet been born, he turned his talents into the butchering business at Port MacDonnell; but eventually went back to his old trade at Port Adelaide, where until a few years ago he still worked at the bench. Among craft which Mr. Chant built were the Italy cutter (afterwards a ketch), which was constructed to the order of Mr. Dixon, of Start Point, on Lake Alexandrina, sailed by Mr. Chant in through the Murray Mouth about 60 years ago, and subsequently sailed out again by him. Then there was the Lady MacDonnell (built in Governor MacDonnell's time) and the Vic-

tor, both designed for the lakes. Later came the Albatross, for Mr. McCulloch, of Port Lincoln, and later owned and sailed by Mr. Anstey; the Enchantress, for Sir Thomas Elder, and named by Mr. R. Barr Smith in honour of the builder in Sir Thomas's absence; the Pastime for the late Mr. Justice Bundeley; the Winfreda, for Mr. Lauxmoore; the Alfreda, for Commodore Munton; the Canowie, for Mr. Graham; the Glenelg, fishing cutter; another Victory, for Mr. Kemp, at Glenelg; and a 40-ft. auxiliary ketch for Mr. Lloyd, of the west coast. To come down to smaller vessels, there were the Philadelphia, Trio, Carriena, Comet, Dauntless, Gazelle, numerous fishing boats, and a legion of dinghys.

Our London correspondent announces the death, at the age of 65 years, of the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Mangan, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kerry since 1904. Dr. Mangan, who was the son of Mr. John Mangan, of Bedford, Listowel, was educated at Maynooth College. He served for a few years in the Liverpool Mission, and was a professor at St. Michael's College, Listowel; parish priest at Glengarriffe, Sneem, and Kenmare, and was also Archdeacon of Aghadoe and Vicar-General of Kerry.

Mrs. A. G. Hawkins, of the Spalding Hotel, died last Wednesday after a few days' illness at the age of 49 years. The deceased lady was highly respected among an exceedingly large circle of friends, representing all classes of the community. She was a willing worker in all patriotic functions, and was for some time President of the local Red Cross Society. A widow, three daughters—Misses Imilda, Ursula, and Cecelia (Spalding)—and one son, Pte. William Hawkins (on active service in Palestine), survive. Mrs. Hawkins was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, formerly of County Limerick, Ireland, and was born at Two Wells.

The Bishop of Adelaide (Right Rev. Dr. Thomas) will preside at the annual meeting of the Lady Victoria Buxton Girls' Club to be held at the Mayor's parlour, Town Hall, Adelaide, on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. W. G. T. Goodman, General Manager and Engineer of the Tramways Trust will leave Adelaide by the express this afternoon for Sydney en route to Vancouver. He will spend some months in Canada and the United States and proceed thence to England.

The Federal Minister for Works and Railways (Mr. Watt) reached Adelaide on Monday evening from a trip over the East-West Railway. He stated that he would to-day discuss with the Commissioner for Public Works (Hon. H. Jackson) the matter of taking over the active control of

matter of taking over the active control of the Transcontinental Railway from Quorn to Oodnadatta. The Federal Government thought it would be necessary to assume the management of the line at the time the East-West Railway was opened in September next. The questions of rolling stock and the railway yards at Port Augusta would have to be considered. He would also consult the State Government about the provision at Port Augusta of storage for another 650,000 bags of wheat. Mr. Watt when in Fremantle inspected the progress of the work at the naval base at Cockburn Sound. He will leave for Melbourne by to-day's express.

THE LATE MR. H. CHANT.



SGT. WILLIAM KELLY.

