

## Country Letters.

FARINA, March 10.

(From our own Correspondents.)

After a very long spell of most disagreeable weather, a welcome change came along Friday. During the day small showers fell at intervals and ended up with a thunderstorm and heavy rain about 8 p.m. The fall registered here was 1.38, 2½ at Lyndhurst Siding and 1½ at Witchilina. Witobilina Creek ran a banker and Leigh Creek followed suit yesterday and last night, and at time of writing is still rising slowly, and as the two creeks join here a fine sheet of water was formed. It is a pity that this water cannot in some way be conserved; here we are with sometimes a water famine in the town, looking at hundreds of thousands tons of water flowing past our doors and eventually disappearing into that bottomless and useless pit Lake Eyre, and lost to use for man or beast once it gets there. The death of Mr John James Addison, a son of Mr Addison, butcher, of Port Augusta West took place Friday night, and he was interred in the local cemetery this morning, the Rev F. J. Huey officiating.

STIRLING NORTH, March 13.

It is some time since I last sent in any report from here as the place has been dry, very dry, no creek having come down now for over a year. I am told that the creek has only failed twice during the past fifty years and it is looked upon as a great calamity when it does fail to reach the gardens of Stirling, but this time we got a banker and no mistake. The gardens were sadly in need of the water but now we can assure our Port Augusta friends of the usual supply of fruit this summer. I did not hear of much damage having been done by the water unless it was Mr Goldner who had his cellar flooded, and another gentleman woke up at three in the morning to find the water in his bed-room and his boots chasing one another round the room.

[The above, and other letters, were inadvertently omitted from last week's issue]