

Jennant Creek
March 29th/03

My dear Professor

Very pleased to hear that you have such success with your lectures. but it beats me how you can find time to do so much. The master mind of Moonta has been so busy preparing his Corroborees that he has not been able to find time for letters writing for nearly a year. I've apologized for him this mail said poor Frank has not a minute that he can call his own.

Am glad you asked for the lizard skins. think I will be able to get some in a week or two. An old friend of yours "Anna Maria" has promised to start out next week & as she is the most reliable hunter here I have hopes of securing a few specimens. Sorry that chance will not be here to do the thing he always liked the job! -

You will be glad to hear that we have at last had a splendid Rainfall. Nearly six inches recorded in five days.

& a nice steady soaking rain. was
 unable to move away from the station
 for a week owing to the Boggy state
 of ground. The clouds came from the
 S.E. so I think very heavy Rain
 must have fallen in North N.S.W or
 Sth Queensland. A week previous there
 was no sign of any & every appearance
 prospect of one of the worst drought
 known in these parts. All is now changed
 & fields grass shooting up everywhere.
 Your "typical 'The Scenery' Spot has
 been fed a foot high all over it
 the Stone Implements. Thanks. I have
 not forgotten what you told me &
 am annexing all I can lay hands
 on. Think I must have at least
 150 now, all collected since you were
 here also a number of Stone axes,
 Tomahawks & Spears. They have cut
 a good sum in Tobacco pipes &c
 but I think I will be able to get
 some interest on the outlay during the
 next 10 years. I hear you have written
 to the papers cautioning people against
 rushing to the Wimmera Depot fields
 they are either too foolish to take you

advice or have more money than they
 know what to do with. The field is
 almost a proved swindle, already &
 hundreds will have to turn back
 without having a try. The Brothers
 in Adelaide assisted by false reports
 from Dr Chewings & others, ran some of
 the shares up to a fictitious price
 & then sold out. People on the
 field are just beginning to realise
 that they have been had & McFeat
 says he expects some one will have
 a job to find the pieces of the
 remains after the mob have finished
 with the Doctor. There are one or
 two really good shows out there but
 they will not be able to sell until
 investors forget what has occurred.
 Everything flourishing in the garden
 & hope to have a better crop than
 last year. Cattle are still selling well
 & we hope to dispose of everything this
 year. Scott sends kindest regards -
 Poor Cowie went to Town last train
 very ill. The Doctor thinks he is
 either suffering from the effects of
 a sunstroke or locomotor ataxia.

Keenan of Charlotte waters told me
 he he could walk a little but
 was very shaky & looked a perfect
 wreck. Am very anxious to hear
 what the Doctor says on his arrival
 in Adelaide. & must get my Brother
 to find out & write me. Mrs Kell
 received your letter by last mail
 they are all well. She looks after
 Hubby too well to allow his shadow
 to decrease. Is he not a fearful
 size & when he laughs the building
 sways about, just as if an earthquake
 was travelling past. -

Trust this will find you & yours
 in the best of health with kindest
 regards

Believe me

Yours very sincerely
 Jas. P. Field