

Obituary.

News was received in town on Tuesday that Mr. Lindsay Crawford had succumbed to an attack of dysentery on Sturt's Plain, Overland Telegraph Line, and much regret was expressed. Mr. W. Holtze buried the body on the south edge of the plain, and erected a temporary fence around the grave. The burial party only had tomshawks with which to dig, and were unable to sink deeper than three feet. The direct cause of the deceased's death was dysentery, brought on by exposure to the wet, being without food, except flour, and unable to make a fire. He was sensible up to within a short time of his death.

The late Mr. Lindsay Crawford, whose sad death from dysentery (brought on through exposure whilst in charge of the Overland Line Construction and Maintenance Party) we have recorded, was the son of Mr. E.

J. F. Crawford, a brewer, a very old and esteemed resident of South Australia. Mr. Crawford's mother was a Miss Flaxman, sister of the Mr. Flaxman who was a partner of the late George Fyffe Angas, the founder of the colonies of New Zealand and South Australia. During the early years of Mr. Crawford's life he was employed as a brewer in that colony, and also in New Zealand. He arrived here some time in 1873, with the object of starting a brewery in the Territory, but after several experiments had been made it was found that both the water and the climate were unsuitable. He

and the climate were unsuitable. He next turned his attention to gold mining, and for some time worked in the Stuart's Gully District, not far from Port Darwin Camp, eventually leaving this occupation for the Overland Telegraph service. In this service he soon rose to the position of stationmaster at Powell's Creek, and was connected with the Department until 1884, when he took his retiring allowance and returned to New Zealand. During 1885 he again returned to the Territory and joined the firm of Messrs. Goldsbrough Mort and Co., as Manager of Victoria Downs station. He had complete control of this property for over 12 years, and after having been repeatedly warned by the natives that they intended to kill him if opportunity offered, he was advised by his friends to come into more settled districts. This he did in 1897, but after a short residence in Palmerston he availed himself of an offer to join Mr. Pybus' party, and on the death of the latter Mr. Crawford was placed in charge. For the past 27 years Mr. Crawford has led an active and energetic life. He was a fine sterling fellow, and of a splendid disposition. With the men placed in his charge he was a universal favorite, and on the occasion of his retirement from the management of Victoria Downs the stockmen and station hands presented him with a gold watch and chain valued at £70. His large circle of friends will much regret his death, and the Territory loses another, and one of the most useful, of its old settlers.
