

THE CUMBERLAND GIANT TREE

That there are a few giant eucalypts still in existence in our forests is evident from the recent discovery of the tree which is illustrated in the present number of '*The Leader*'.

It is situated eleven miles from Marysville near the Cumberland Falls, in a flat of exceedingly rich soil surrounded by very high hills. Its elevation from sea level is about 2000 feet.

It is a very fine specimen of the White Manna Gum (Viminalis)' and measures from 6 feet up the trunk with the tape tightly drawn, at 58 feet in circumference.

It has in its time been a very tall tree, as the top, from decay, has been blown down at about 180 feet high. The trunk at that height is of great thickness, probably, 4 or 5 feet through and its age could vary from 1200 to 2000 years.

The Cumberland Giant was discovered by Mr. Chester, a gold prospector, who informed Cr. John Keppel of Marysville, who also succeeded in finding it.

Arrangements no doubt, will now be made during the coming spring and summer for the conveyance of visitors to see this marvellous specimen, which has probably stood where it now stands since the commencement of the Christian era.