

and triumphs of this glorious country. For years I have been trying to find out the whereabouts of the flag that was used by the insurgents in '54, and how came I to be successful?

Simply through reading the account of the first meeting of your Society, Mr Oddie replied in answer to a question by Mr W.B. Withers "that the insurgent flag was still preserved, and that it was on view in the Ballarat Art gallery."

I went to see that historic remnant of an unforgettable man - and had to ask the Assistant to point it out to me.

There was no label to show that it was the flag that unborn millions of Australians shall yet gaze upon with reverence - nothing to say whether it was a flag used at the last hour, or the first battle, nothing; it hung on the walls in its tattered glory - silently protesting against the negligence of the art patrons of Ballarat, whom posterity will anathematise.

For the history of that period will be preserved, and handed down in filtered truthfulness to future generations. And he who led the Van in freedom's cause shall be a central figure in our race, The poet and the painter yet unborn shall fire their song and canvas from that face.

as surely as gum-trees grow +

Yes,

Within that sacred spot of holy ground (For "the Eureka" is a shrine - ) A high set sculptured form of Liberty shall yet be raised by men untamed to wrong To show mankind that we at least are free.