

To me it appears perfectly simple and easy to issue a first volume of records as this year vanishes; for instance, there are two hundred pioneers of the old brigade still alive. Each and every one of that noble band of diggers has one story of interest to relate, let ~~thousands~~ each one promise to contribute one incident or one story - as briefly as possible - and there you have a foundation for your Historical records.

It will be a national disgrace if there be no response to such a request.

Let us have the history and story of our youth and infancy, told in its nakedness of truth, and not leave it for future historians to quibble and lie about.

That we are young goes without saying, when you consider that as yet we are without a national song, or a national quickstep tune to set an irregular nation of disunited people marching towards a federal goal.

And we must mark time, and that our sons - to the strain beat of our drum, and the strains of our Liberty's music.

~~With~~ A collection of records such as you are about to collect would be one reason why Ballarat should become the federal city of our island continent.

"Good name in man and woman, dear my lord Is the immediate jewel of their souls."

And as the foundations of our Commonwealth must be set secure and as immovable as the everlasting hills, so must be ^{the} records of an historic past be preserved for posterity.

Are the men of our land indifferent to ^{the} good that might benefit all; are they fearful of right that they steal away at the federal bugle call?

I wonder!