

CHARLES ARMITAGE BROWN.

HIS GRAVE LOCATED.

We have pleasure in stating that the quest that has been going on intermittently for the past three weeks on the northern slope of Marsland Hill, to locate the grave of the late Charles Armitage Brown, was successfully accomplished on Saturday morning, when the large cut stone slab resting over the grave was unearthed by Mr. W. H. Skinner, who has been superintending the search. The late Mr. Brown died in June, 1842, after only seven months' residence in New Plymouth. Wells, writing over forty years ago in his history, says: "A large slab of stone was placed over his grave, but when Marsland Hill was escarped and fortified during the Maori war (in 1855 to be precise), this memorial was covered with earth, and only a few old settlers can now point out the exact spot where he was buried." We understand attempts have been made on different occasions to find the grave, but without success. The Mayor (Mr. F. E. Wilson) has interested himself in the work, having been approached from Auckland to see if something could not be done to locate the last resting place of this close friend and co-worker with the poet Keats. The services of Mr. Williams, an expert in the use of test boring apparatus, were secured, and after many failures he succeeded in locating what was evidently a stone of considerable size and further investigations with the spade has revealed the long-lost tomb. The Mayor has in hand the question of uncovering the memorial, and is in communication with Mesdames Earp and Brown, of Upper Mangorei, grand-daughters of the deceased gentleman, on this point.
