

Prospect Terrace,
Mt Eden,
Auckland,
January 19.1921.

Dear Sir,

It will be one hundred years on the 28 th February since the poet John Keats died in Rome. As you no doubt know, his greatest friend, Charles Brown came out to New Zealand in the early fourties and died in your town. He is buried on Marsland Hill. I have thought that such an important centenary could be marked by placing a wreath on Browns' Grave as a tribute from the writers in New Zealand and I have made the suggestion to a few of my literary friends. I shall in probability be in New Plymouth for the centenary and would like to know if anything could be done to locate the grave and also, perhaps for your Council to also place a wreath on the grave.

Keats is one of our greater poets and it is a happy incident in our early incident that his great friend should have come out here ~~and~~. I know that if the little ceremony were arranged it would be greatly appreciated by Keats admirers in England where centenary celebrations and newspaper articles will be undertaken.

As your answer will affect my movements and plans for the coming month, would you please reply as soon as convenient. All that I would suggest is that the grave be located and that on the day of the centenary, arrangements be made for a short ceremony beside the grave when a wreath from the New Zealand authors and one from your own Municipality could be placed on the spot.

Trusting to hear from you in the near future,
Yours Truly,

Heater Bolitho

P.S. If I may suggest it, I would be pleased if this was not read in open council so that the papers will not know of it until the arrangements have actually been made.

His Worship the Mayor,

NEW PLYMOUTH.