Mrs. Ross is well versed in both the English and Cherokee languages and reads and writes both of them. With ease she translates the inscription on an old tombstone, as below:

JFB
JGZTDY
SIDTER 24
1909
SRIRY
58 TGS-TBU
PRY

The ge si

Tsu wa no i sgi

Downing

Du li sti ka Iv 24 September 24

1909

1909

U yo hu sv gi

58 I yu de ti yv da 58 years old

Ge sv gi

he was