

In the north-east corner of the Chancel is the recumbent figure of John Combe, a friend of Shakespeare, who died two years before him, of whom the Poet is said to have jestingly composed this epitaph, in reference to his unscrupulous practices.—

"Ten in a hundred lies here engraved,

This a hundred to ten his soul is not saved;

If any one asks: 'Who lies in this Tomb?'

'Ho, ho,' quoth the Devil, 'Tis my Johnny Combe."

The Church At Stratford is most carefully preserved, and the services very reverently conducted.

ADDRESS AT CHELTENHAM.

My next move was to Cheltenham, a comparatively new town for England, noted for its schools. It is a residential city, and numbers many retired Indian and other officers among its residents. I preached here in two churches, S.S. Philip and James, and 'All Saints', for the S.P.G., and addressed a large gathering of school children, 1200 in number, at Christ Church, of which Robertson of Brighton, was once Curate, in the afternoon. On Monday afternoon I addressed a large meeting of clergy and citizens in the Corn Exchange. The Mayor of the city, the Rural Dean and other leading citizens were present. There was much enthusiasm as to missionary effort by the S.P.G. and other societies, and all allusions to Colonial loyalty and co-operation in the War in South Africa, and to closer Imperial unity, were heartily cheered, and I may say the same interest was manifested wherever I heard these things mentioned in England, either in public or in private. At this meeting eloquent and able addresses were given by Canon Hutchinson, the Chairman, and Canon Childs. My address, as reported by The Cheltenham Weekly, was as follows:

The Rev. Canon Brown, who is making his first visit to England, said it was with great pleasure that he had joined in the singing of the National Anthem, because it made him feel he was back in Canada, where an opportunity was never missed of voicing the familiar words. His ideas of England were very high; the children of Canada were brought up to have a great reverence for England, and everything English; and before coming to this country he wrote to a friend expressing the hope that as a result of his visit his ideals would not vanish, and that some of his idols would not topple down. He was glad to say that, after the necessarily limited observation he had had, his ideas had rather been heightened than otherwise, and that, if it were possible, his regard for England and everything English had been deepened and increased. (Applause.) And amongst the most pleasant things in connection with his visit had been the observing of the life and energy and power and widespread usefulness of the great national Church of this country, because not only was this growing activity of the Church beneficial to the people of these islands, but when there was life and power in the heart it would be felt at the extremities, and if there were life at home there would be a reflex of that life abroad. Missionary effort was the