

CHRISTOWELL

A BARTHOLOMEW TALE
BY R. D. BLACKMORE.
(CONTINUED.)

Dicky was the hero of the day, and felt it. Instead of withdrawing from the pub-
lic gaze, he put on his brightest apparel
and went to church with some fine in-
dependent farmers, who cared not a snap
for Sir Joseph. "We'll see you through it,
sir; you keep your back up, on every side,
and you'll be the first to see the light,"
said several young ladies, who had thought
him "rather fast," longed to kiss him in
the absence of witnesses.

"Am I to be debauched from my own
sanctuary?" Lady Touchwood asked, with
the concentrated essence of pathos in her
voice and eyes. "Shall he be torn from my arms
before I have fitted up his dressing-case?
Oh, Sir Joseph, you are a willful man, and
you always had your own say! But re-
flect, I implore you! ponder, I implore
you, the results of this sudden and out-
rageous whimsy."

It is not sudden, and it is no whim. I
have had it in my mind for months. You
know nothing of the circumstances. The
boy wants pulling down; we all want pull-
ing down, and now we shall have it with a
vengeance. To-morrow I shall see the auc-
tioneer about selling this place, which has
been the ruin of me, and off we go into
lodgings at Plymouth."

"After all we have done to be a credit
to you!" Her ladyship burst into a wild
fit of tears. Through all the lace veils she
had kept her temper in her daughter's
absence, so that she scarcely knew her-
self, and this was all the reward she got!
But Sir Joseph had nothing more to say.
He had put on the shabbiest clothes he
could find and he had some of most
friendly shabbiness—although it was Sun-
day, and he ought to go to church at least
once for the sake of example. He treated
his partner in life to a snuff which meant,
"You may cry away as long as it amuses
you," and then he walked off to his own
little room and locked himself up with
some cash-books he had brought.

"He may starve if he likes, but you
don't catch me at it," Spire Dicky ex-
claimed, when his sister brought him word
that the table was not to be laid for din-
ner. "I suppose he's looking at last, and
I have always been expecting it, and that
has made me so thrifty. I heard an old
chap at Cambridge say, 'chousing and
carousing leads to outwearing,' and we
shall all have to turn out to-morrow. Not
that we have had much carousing, how-
ever. What blunt have we got to begin
the world with, Judy?"

"I am not going to tell you," his sister
answered. "You'll get it all out of me,
and spend it before the shops were open."
"Well, I'll tell you what to do. Marry
old Short, and make a crib for us. I don't
approve of the wide, wide world." And a
dry-salter I never will be; I never will
be a dry-salter; sooner would I lose my li-
berty by putting my neck into a halter.
There, I made that in church to-day with
the ladies admiring my waist-coat. Not so
dramatic as your most obedient."

Diversity will, indeed, have sweet uses
if it fetches your slang out of you. But
in reward for your brilliant stanza I will
have you to dinner to-day—in my room,
at six o'clock. Mother will be there. She
has been crying so, and she looks so poor-
ly that I cannot ask your friend. He must
think he has fallen among strange people
to get no dinner for two days."

"Not he! He is a gentleman, and re-
gards it as one of the ups and downs of
trade. He knows that we are only trades-
people, and must dine upon the counter
when business is pressing. I have told
him that we always do it when the ships
are sailing, for fear of his being uncom-
fortable. He says that he enjoys it, but
he must be off this evening by the mail
from Ashburton."

"If there is anything I detest," Miss
Touchwood answered, with calm pride,
"it is to hear of trade continually. Trade
is such a low thing; commerce is the
proper word, and even that has nothing
lofty in it. Make your friend understand
before he goes (if so stupid a gentleman
can understand) that my father has nothing
to do with either trade or commerce,
but is simply and solely a government con-
tractor, moving in a very wide circle, dis-
charging duties of the first magnitude, and
commanding European confidence."

"I had better put it down, to have it
right this time. I'll tell him all that on
the way to the coach, and then at the
tail of it I shall tell in. But the govern-
ment's bustled up now, and must go back
to the apron he began with in the shop at
Plymouth."

"There will not be any dinner in my
room to-day," Miss Touchwood spoke with
dignity, and departed to preserve it.

That stern announcement compelled the
young squire to hasten to his mother's
room, which he had shunned all day,
through terror of maternal outburst. But
now he must try hard to get dinner both
for himself and for his guest, who was
being dismissed so early. And in that
just enterprise he succeeded, for his ladyship,
having allowed herself to be tripped on so
shamefully, was now in the growing tu-
mult of recovery and reaction.

"Sir Joseph is master of the dining-
room," she said, after bedewing her son
with one of the last tears left in her sys-
tem: "In all high circles the master of the
house is the master of the dining-room.
But feminine or perhaps, rather, I should
say, according to the way in which you
look at it—masculine house stops there,
my dear. Good society has always main-
tained, as one of its first rules of exist-
ence, that the drawing-room is the ladies'
realm. There they may do anything they
like among themselves without being inter-
fered with; they may lock the doors, they
may play cards, forte, they may order up
anything from the cellar that they can
get the keys to. When your father
built this house—and I am sure I wish
that he had never done it to be a 'mill-
stone round his neck,' and to turn us
and crop out of it—I took the trouble to
buy a book laying down the laws about
great people—their rooms and their dress,
and their habits of feeding, and the way
they behave to one another, and to the
people they have nothing to do with. I
knew it all well enough, being of a highly
respectable family myself, my dear, as
you may find yet, if your poor father goes
to prison; but it is a great point to have
anything printed, because it must be im-
partial. Therefore I shall order you some
dinner in the drawing-room and come my-
self to see you eat it, and you will be wel-
come to bring in that large young man
from Trinity—this trouble has driven his
name out of my head—I mean, of course,
the one whose bottles you dear papa
kicked over."

THE VALUE

LEAD PACKETS. BLACK AND MIXED. ALL GROCERS.

The leaves that each package of Monsoon contains are grown in the finest tea-producing country in the world, but housekeepers pay no more for

MONSOON

INDO-CEYLON TEA

than for inferior brands.

EAST MIDDLESEX.

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day the expenses of civil government. To-day it takes four men to do the work that one did in 1871. They and 320 men around the Parliament build-
ings. They had 4,200 more throughout the Province, paid salaries; besides which there were about 2,900 paid by fees. These officials are sapping the life blood out of this Province; and the number is steadily increasing. We claim they can be cut down by one-half, and thus reduce the annual ex-
penditure by about \$1,000,000. (Cheers and applause.) He trusted that the elec-
torate of this country would on Tuesday last place men in power who would remedy these evils. (Cheers.) We propose, said the doctor, to lessen the expenditure on public institutions. These institutions cost to-day \$286,000 in wages to officials, and over \$510,000 for supplies. These supplies were bought without tender and without price. No; I'll correct that. Bought at their own price. Robinson, Little & Co. had drawn during the last four years \$17,338 for goods which might have been purchased at a much lower price. R. C. Struthers & Co. had drawn during the same time over \$6,400. A. E. Pavey & Co., \$6,000, and Jno. Green & Co. over \$6,000, putting off anything they wished on these people at their own price. Drugs and medi-
cines for the London Asylum had cost during that same time \$5,511—purchased from four of the retail druggists in London who were their agents. (Cheers.) He showed that notwith-
standing the fact that the London Asylum had a farm of 300 acres, and ample help to properly work it, it was shown in the public accounts (al-
though they only had 48 head of cattle and 14 horses) that they had spent in one year \$4,400 for hay, crop stuff and bran. (Laughter and cheers.) He again showed how the Government by increasing the representation in the Legislature had put upon the Province an expenditure of \$100,000 that might have been saved by the Province. He re-
ferred to the extravagance of the Min-
isters of the Province, notwithstanding that Hon. A. S. Hardy got a salary of \$7,000. The public accounts showed that he had charged \$20 last year for his cab hire, and over \$40 for street car fares—(cheers)—and other Ministers had made large charges for similar items. He referred to the manner in which our timber lands were dis-
posed of to American citizens. Hun-
dreds of millions of feet of our timber had been taken out of the country over to Michigan and other American countries, and manufactured into lumber, which should have been manufactured in Ontario by our own workmen. (Hear, hear, with loud and continued cheers and applause.) He referred to our school system, and said 35 per cent. of the children of this Province were merely made the stepping stone for the other five per cent. The system was nothing compared to what was in vogue in the United States. He re-
ferred to the fact that the Province had broad principles children were crammed in order to push them through the high school. He touched on the school book monopoly, saying that 10,000 children attending schools in the Province were compelled to use these books, and forced to pay 50 per cent. more than these books were worth. He charged that during the last five years the publishers had taken \$500,000 out of the pockets of the people of this Province more than they should. (Cheers.)

The meeting was here interrupted by loud and hoisterous cheers and ap-
plause, renewed again and again, the reason for which was the entrance to the hall of Sir John Carling, who had just arrived from the United States. This demonstration was only greeted by the hearty applause which greeted Mr. T. D. Hodgins when he arrived some twenty minutes later.

"I see," said the Doctor "Sir John Carling has arrived. (Cheers.) Sir John is a man who is well known from one end of this country to the other. (Cheers.) A man who has been hon-
ored by his country. He was one of the first Ministers of the Province. (Cheers.) He would not detain them longer. He hoped they would lay aside all political leanings. Do not consider whether your fathers were Liberals or Conser-
vatives, but consider which party can best serve the interests of this country." (Cheers and applause.)

The chairman here invited anyone to come forward and speak on behalf of the Government, but no one responded to the invitation. Sir John Carling arose to address them. As he came to the platform the enthusiastic demonstrations which greeted him when he first arrived, were again and again renewed, and it was some moments before he was able to speak. He said:—Mr. Chair-
man and Gentlemen—I am very much pleased to meet so many people here in the good old neighborhood of Hyde Park. (Cheers.) I can remember as long as any of you the associations of this place—I was going to say for 70 years ago, but anyway, 60 years back. I have always had a great respect for the people of Hyde Park. (Cheers and applause.)

Mr. Hodgins, the Conservative candi-
date, here entered the hall, and was heartily cheered. The applause with which he was greeted left no doubt as to the strong and hearty sympathies of the people around Hyde Park. After quietness was restored, Sir John Carling said:—The opportu-
nity is given you every four years to say whether you approve or disapprove of the gentlemen who have controlled the affairs of this Province; whether they have carried out their pledges, and I am sure you will say they have not done so. Sir John then referred to the work done by the Sandfield-Macdonald Government the few years they held power, quoting figures to show the difference between the way in which the institutions were man-
aged then and since. He was fre-
quently interrupted by loud applause. Continuing, he said:—There may be friends of the Government here, and I desire only to discuss those matters in a friendly way. He thought the Government were not acting honestly with the people. The electors of this country expect these men to carry out their pledges, and if they promise to forget the people are intelli-
gent, that they read the papers and

are kept posted on public matters. If a public man wants the good wishes and wants the people to stand by him, he should act honestly with the people he represents. The great error in 1867 was that Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Sandfield-Macdonald were playing into each other's hands, and that the Local House should be independent of that at Ottawa. But what did we see and hear now? We see Ministers of the Crown making promises to bribe the electorate. They say if Hardy lost Ontario, Laurier would lose his right arm. Mr. Movat was an astute poli-
tician, and he said that these Govern-
ments should be independent, should stand aloof from each other. (Cheers.) Sir John here read the declaration made by Sir Oliver Movat and Mr. Longley, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, referring to this matter. Mr. Longley had said it was wrong to con-
tinue any Government for any great length of time. In England a Govern-
ment never lasts more than five or six years. This Government of Ontario were becoming autocrats. They say if you put us out, you have no right to take our places. What ap-
plause. (Cheers and applause.) There was a piece of downright impertinence for them to presume that Mr. Whitney and his colleagues were not equally able to administer the affairs of this Province. (Cheers.) What have they done? They have filled this country with officials. You can't turn a cross-
road in the country without running up against them. The people want a change, and it was time we had one. (Cheers and applause.) Time we did away with filling public offices with brothers, cousins and other relatives. (Cheers.) The members of the Govern-
ment controlled these appointments, and when an opening occurred, they had some relative to put in. My friend, Mr. Hodgins, your candidate, who had been an Alderman and a member of the Legislature, had taken a great interest in cattle, horses and stock. I am sure if he were elected my member, he would fill the position of Minister of Agricul-
ture better than Mr. Whitney. (Cheers.) I hope on Tuesday you will consider the interests of your country. Before concluding he referred to the school book monopoly. We had nearly 50,000 children in the Province, and schools, all of whom are obliged to have books. The aggregate amounts to an enormous sum. The publishers of these books are charging double what they should do. This should be put down, and you can't do it unless you have a change of Government. He was glad to tell them that the prospects of beating the Government were better than they were to-day. (Loud cheers and applause.) The people are thoroughly aroused all over the country; were alive to the public issues. The opposition is growing stronger. They received with open arms. (Cheers.) He contrasted the policy of the Govern-
ment when the troops were station-
ed through Canada. Public ten-
ants were asked for money, and if it didn't make a bit of difference what stripe of politics or nationality a man was; all had the same opportunity of tendering for these supplies. He re-
ferred to the fact that the Hon. Mr. Carling, who had been in the school system for 20 years ago, collected for the Hon. Mr. Carling Government purchasing supplies for the asylum in London. In the city of London there were about 140 names, some of them receiving as much as \$8,000 a year for goods furnished to that institution, without tender, and at their own price. (Cheers.) I think, as honest men, you will condemn that policy. (Applause.) He referred to the timber policy and said that our valuable timber lands were being ex-
hausted, sold to Americans, who have made millions of dollars out of them. They had allowed these people to cut and cut the timber, and take the logs out of the country, instead of let-
ting our own people get the benefit of the work in manufacturing them into lumber. That was not the interest of the people of this country, and it was not until Mr. Whitney, backed by the people of the country, brought the influence of public opinion to bear that Mr. Hardy had adopted the policy of the Opposition. He thanked them for their kind attention, and hoped they would think of these mat-
ters, and when the time comes on Is-
t March let Mr. Hardy know that he had been in power long enough. (Cheers.) He knew they would give Mr. Hodgins a hearty welcome, and a more hearty one on Is March. (Hear, hear, with long-continued cheers and applause.) Mr. Hodgins was the last speaker, and was received with great enthusi-
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