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Foreword
Manchester turned itself into the first industrial city in the world.
As a result
it created the first industrial slum in the world -
Ancoats. The aim was to pack as many workers as possible into
the most meagre dwellings on the smallest amount of ground
surrounded by palatial mills and tall chimneys. Cotton machin-
ery was expensive
people were cheap.
Adding to the overcrowding of these two-up two-down hovels
came streams of immigrants from Ireland and Italy.
When the depression came
these human beings were unwan-
ted; they had no value. In order to survive or keep out of the
workhouse
many were forced into crime
often

violent crime^{1/4}
and a popular saying at the time was - If the world needs an
>enema^{1/4} they'll do it in Ancoats.
 These unwanted people were only concerned with getting
food^{1/4} clothes and the rent money; education for their children
was the last thing they cared about. What's the good of learning
him to read and write? He'll still end up in Strangeways with the
>others^{1/4} mothers sometimes told the school board inspectors.
 On to this scene^{1/4} in the late 1920s^{1/4} came a brand new teacher^{1/4}
fresh from college and wet behind the ears.

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