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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 machinery 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 unwanted; they had no value. In order to survive or keep out of the workhouse many were forced into crime often

violent crime¼¢
and a popular saying at the time was - If the world needs an
enemy¼¢ they ll do it in Ancoats.
 These unwanted people were only concerned with getting
food¼¢ 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
others¼¢ mothers sometimes told the school board inspectors.
 On to this scene¼¢ in the late 1920s¼¢ came a brand new teacher¼¢
fresh from college and wet behind the ears.

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