

ed first, produced the goods, and then with matchless energy advocated general adoption. Owen, by his work at New Lanark made himself the first captain of industry of his time. He had accomplished results not before attempted by other manufacturers. Notwithstanding great opposition and prejudice on the part of influential people in a position to obstruct him in his experimental community at New Lanark, for 29 years it had no need whatever for magistrates or lawyers, was without a single legal punishment, without any taxation for the relief of the poor, without intemperance or religious animosities. He reduced the hours of labor, well educated all the children from infancy fifty years before the provision by the government of a system of elementary education, greatly improved the condition of the adults, diminished their daily labor, paid interest on capital, and cleared upwards of \$1,500,000 profit.

Statesmen from every part of Europe visited the scene of his experiments. Patrician and bourgeois alike were impressed. Owen created better conditions for workingmen with their co-operation. He was, in addition, a tireless propagandist and it is probably the influence of his work in that respect which was