



# MANCHESTER AT WORK

## *A Survey*

*"Here is a field open to ability, and sure favour comes to the deserving; and industry is distinguished with due rewards."*

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## PREFACE

**A**FTER that memorable trooping of the city's industrial colours—Manchester Civic Week, the committee found that it had made money : there were profits from the entertainments, the sale of handbooks and so forth. A substantial sum, over £3,600, was distributed amongst Manchester Institutions relying for their support upon voluntary contributions, but, when the final accounts were available, there was found still to be a small balance and this has lain at interest until a fitting use might be found for it. It has been apparent for some time that Manchester is very busy stocktaking : measuring its resources and its skill against those of its competitors. We felt, therefore, that it would not be inappropriate to invest our resources in the compilation of a short survey of our present position as a great manufacturing and marketing centre and decided to embark upon a study of the city's industrial position. *Manchester at Work* is the result. We hope the book will commend itself as a becoming pendant to our earlier and more ambitious effort to express something of Manchester's commercial and industrial importance. Without a subsidy of some sort no such survey could be published at a popular price—would never, in all probability, be published at all. Mr. Brady, who as honorary organiser of Civic Week, has already made a notable contribution to the work of interpreting Manchester to the world and to itself, kindly undertook the production of the book and obtained the invaluable co-operation of Professor Clay, an economist whose services Manchester is proud to be able to claim.

Our thanks are due to the Editors, and to the authors of the several sections, for the thoroughness with which they have done their work within the limitations of a small volume. We have also to acknowledge the generous assistance of many who have, from specialised knowledge, given valuable help.

The death of Mr. W. H. Barker, reader in geography to Victoria University, during the work of compilation, was a loss which we deeply regretted. He contributed a valuable section but did not live to revise the proofs of this, his last, work for the city to which he has rendered much service.

The Civic Week Committee takes this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of the confidence reposed in it, and of recording the pleasure it has found in its work.

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