

of the multitude of sneers which accompanied his painful and tedious endeavors to successfully utilize steam as a motive power. With his untiring energy he labored on, without kind words to cheer him, or friends to assist until he, brought forth the world renowned invention, the steam engine. Then, the formerly prejudiced populace were glad enough to welcome him as a benefactor of no little merit. And again, how was it that Arkwright became the leader of English industry, and the founder of the present factory system? Surely not by the directions of others, not by the popular ideas, but by his own vigor of thought. Born of poor parents, and the youngest of thirteen children, he was early under the necessity of providing for himself. With many tribulations, mingled with partial success in the different trades which he severally followed, he at last undertook to invent a spinning machine. After many months of hard work, in which he was driven from place to place by an enraged populace, he at last secured the end for which he was seeking, and few are the arguments against its use at the present time. In closing let me repeat a well known proverb, "God helps those who help themselves." * * *

THE NEWSPAPER.

No one can truly estimate the value of a good newspaper. As you sit at the breakfast table, poring over the contents of the morning paper, you little think of all it comprises. If your neighbor's house was robbed last night, here you are told of it; if, while you were asleep, part of the city has been consumed by fire, here are the particulars. It is a satisfaction thus to know, early in the morning, the events of the day and night previous. All night long, printers and reporters have been toiling away, and the telegraph has been busy, that the public might enjoy this satisfaction.

But the newspaper has a more impor-

tant mission than merely that of satisfying the public appetite for news and sensation. It is a weighty instrument in shaping the affairs of men and of nations. By the influence of the press hopes may be blasted, reputations irreparably damaged, and wars incited or averted. Powerful as the newspaper may be, it is none the less free from weaknesses. The influence of patronage and money is sometimes exerted upon the press with an effect to deteriorate rather than otherwise. But an honest and reliable newspaper is a credit and a help to any community. It matters not whether it be issued daily or weekly, or whether its political principles accord with your views or not, so long as its columns contain what is right and true. Then let no one decry anything because it is advocated by his newspaper. It is truly a great civilizer, and speaks daily to thousands in words which can not be misunderstood.

Without the press, what would be the state of affairs in our country? Suppose the entire newspaper circulation of the United States to be stopped but for a single day, and the result may be imagined. The wheels of business would cease to turn, and for the time the effect would be as marked as though the sun had failed to rise. Steam is a mighty power, but there is one influence to which steam itself must yield. That power is brains. Where is a better opportunity afforded for the dissemination of brains than through the columns of a newspaper? It is a voice that speaks to all; it is everywhere, for nothing escapes the ubiquitous searcher for news.

It must be admitted that there are sheets in circulation unworthy of the name of being representative journals. These never reach an eminence in their vocation, and sooner or later find their level. But the conscientious newspaper, with only justifiable ends in view, with true principles ever at heart, will always be firmly supported. Let everyone then congratulate himself that he lives in a land of free