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In 1832, an investigation occurred which was regarding the conditions of work in the textile factories. It is important to note that Michael Sadle was in charge of the parliamentary. Furthermore, this report also brought out three other reports about the sanitary problems in the industrial class and mines. The working class included children as an important part of the industrial revolution. Many children worked around 16 hours daily under harsh conditions. Some children started working in mines and the textile industry even at the early age of five. The people who testified were Joshua Drake, Mr. Matthew Crabtree, Mr. John Hall, Elizabeth Bentley, and Peter smart. Some of the people who testified started to work at the age of 8 years around four years for 10 hours a day. From six in the morning to eight at night. For example, in the case of Mr. Matthew Crabtree. There were times when he would work for 15 hours from 5:00am to 9:00pm. Mr. Crabtree was unable to eat breakfast and sometimes even dinner which caused him to be made very weak. He worked long hours and was so tired that he couldn't be punctual at his job. Most of the time, he was beaten up severely for not making it in time. He and the children around him frequently cried about being mistreated. The majority of the kids lived far away from the mill and needed to walk more than two miles. They only got a penny an hour and would take half a penny if they were late. The kids had additional beatings for not keeping up his work. They needed to arrive early and wait outside until the mill was open, even when there were bad weather conditions. Some kids were even locked up night and day. Usually, these kids attempted to run away, but they were brought back after being caught. Many of these children were brutally whipped in punishment of their attempted escapes. It seems that their

masters had the law in their own hands. Sadly, all the children had similar circumstances through their working times at the mill.