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Characteristics of the Ellen Butler Brothers characters, phrases, and excerpts from Theodore Dreiser's novel The Financier

Callum and Owen Butler are Ellen's brothers. Lillian, Frank Cowperwood's wife, gives one characterization of them: "The Butlers-at least the younger generation-are prone to ostentatious luxury, morbid about their origins, and that money, in their opinion, redeems all other faults" (Chapter XII).

After the elder Butler receives an anonymous letter about Ellen's entanglement with Cowperwood and further events unfold, Ellen has been emphatically cold to her father, which has not escaped her brothers' notice. They soon learn the reason for her sister's behavior, and they begin to treat her with contempt.

What are the images of Owen and Callum brought out in the work?

Owen Butler (chapter XXIV) has lately become excellent in financial matters, and in political and social matters has shown even more sagacity than his father, although he was not as strong a personality as the elder Butler. He advises his father on how to deal with Cowperwood: "He (Cowperwood) is a nice fellow, and I am not bad to him, but you would be mad to act on his orders".

Unlike his father, Owen Butler "belonged to a new type of businessman, abstaining from wine and smoking. His father allowed himself both in very moderate quantities.

Owen is described by the author as a greedy individual. Describing his attitude toward Cowperwood, Dreiser emphasizes: "Owen's eyes lit up with greed and dislike. Cowperwood should be punished as an example: his enterprise should be sold under the hammer, and he himself should be expelled from the shareholders of the city railroads. Owen himself was eager to take a leading position in the affair.

The elder Butler, in comparing his son to Cowperwood, notes: "You're not a simpleton either, I see, eh?" In the situation with Cowperwood, whom Owen was unwilling to spare, the latter "cherished his own ambitions."

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