

bruary last, which you have adopted, and which is also on the table.

### SUGGESTIONS.

Having given very close attention to the affairs of the Company, opportunities have presented themselves to me for examining thoroughly the working of its whole machinery and noting its deficiencies; and, although it may, perhaps, be considered somewhat presumptuous on my part to offer any suggestions, still, I consider that I should be found wanting in the correct performance of my duty—however delicate the matter may be, if on some particular points—I refrained from freely expressing my opinion—an opinion formed by experience and observation—and on subjects so closely connected with the interest of the Company. In the first place, I would suggest that the attention of the Board should at once be directed to the procuring as speedily as possible, a Manager, of skill and experience, to take charge of the working department, especially as the Company will have large works going on next summer.

### METER INSPECTOR.

It is, also, very desirable that an Inspector of Meters should be appointed, who could devote his whole time to the matter, and whose special duty it would be to visit and inspect all Meters in use during the quarter, take the index of the same at the end of each quarter, and see that the fitters attend properly to complaints by consumers, and to whom all accounts for Gas rent in dispute might be referred for settlement, as I am fully convinced that such an arrangement would be advantageous to the Company as well as satisfactory to the consumers.

I would also suggest that a new sett of Books be opened with the present year's business, having a different and more systematic classification of the accounts, so as to give less trouble and render the accounts of the Company more comprehensive at first sight.