

Mr. Herring,—

I am very pleased to have been able to interest you. Before closing I would like to say that I do not think that many of you have any idea of the magnitude of the Consumers' Gas Company in this city. This is one of the most up-to-date gas plants in the world, in it is machinery built in all parts, including the United States, Great Britain, and other foreign countries. One outstanding feature is the conveying apparatus, which is undoubtedly the most up-to-date in the world, the coal and coke being carried probably over a mile without being handled by hand. The coal comes from the cars and is then elevated and taken from there to the different hoppers and when it is discharged from the retorts as coke it is handled in a similar manner and is never touched by hand.

I think this would be a great study for a man interested in these matters to drop down to the Gas Works and see for himself the wonderful improvements that have been made in the matter of mechanical machinery.

Mr. Baldwin,—

The plant is working Saturday afternoons and I think we could arrange with Mr. Jefferis some Saturday afternoon for the members to go down and look over the plant. I will bring this up before the Executive.

Mr. Herring,—

That is a very good suggestion. I think our General Superintendent, Mr. Jefferis, would be highly delighted to be approached in the matter, and I think if the Executive Committee got busy and made application to Mr. Jefferis he would be delighted to do everything in his power to make your visit one to be remembered.

Although I work for the company, I want to say that there is only one works that I have seen, and that is the South Metropolitan Gas Company, of London, to be compared with the Consumers' Gas Company. There is nothing like it on this continent, in Germany or in France, where I have visited some of the largest plants.

Mr. Baldwin,—

This is a matter which should be handled by the Executive at once and we should get a list of the names of those who wish to go so that they can be notified when arrangements have been made.