

## VISIT TO THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY'S GLASS WORKS AT WEMBLEY.

ON Thursday, December 14th, the day following the December meeting, a large party of members had the pleasure of visiting the new glass works of the General Electric Company at Wembley.

The party was met by Mr. C. Wilson (Managing Director of the firm) and Mr. W. W. Warren (the manager of the works). Being conducted through the works, members were first shown the batch weighing, mixing, and conveying plant, consisting of hoppers containing dry batch materials with mouths over a receiver on a weighing machine table, a rotating mixer into which the weighed materials are delivered, and a continuously moving bucket conveyor carrying the mixed batch from a covered hopper below the mixer to a storage bin on an upper floor.

The glass melting furnace, which was working very satisfactorily, was of the Hermansen type, with 12 covered pots. From some of the pots tube was being drawn by hand, while from others glass was ladled into a side furnace containing one large pot of special design feeding a Libbey-Owens tube-drawing machine. At the close of the visit this machine was working excellently, and members were very interested in watching its operation, as well as in seeing the automatic weighing and gauging of the cut lengths of tube and the rejection of any that were not of correct size and weight.

The general spaciousness of the whole works was much admired.

Towards the close of the visit members were provided with refreshment, and while gathered for this purpose, Prof. Turner took the opportunity, on behalf of the members, of thanking the General Electric Co., Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Warren in particular for their kindness in throwing their works open to the Society.

Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Warren replied.