

mines of other groups did not take up the metalliferous schemes so persistently promulgated by the Messrs Denny," are unfair. It is rather unfortunate for your correspondent that this final statement should, in any case, so inaccurately represent the actual situation.

We were solely responsible for the introduction of tube-mills, and the leading, if not the only, advocates for fine-grinding, and secondary amalgamation. Our principles have been accepted and a plant to carry them out has been installed on every up-to-date mine on the fields. We are again solely responsible for the introduction of filter-presses to the Rand. Slowly, but surely, these appliances are being installed, and no less than five big mines are at the moment putting them in. We are solely responsible for the introduction to the Rand of a new form of mortar-box, in which the water-feed is delivered through the back of the box, at about the level of the die. We learn from the consulting metallurgist to the leading group on the field, that the same method has been adopted by them with the greatest success.

In conclusion, we would say that when the whole cause of dissatisfaction with our plant is boiled down it merely refers to the fact that on a particular mine, disappointments in the gold yield have been experienced, which on that particular mine is no new thing. We assert without any fear of contradiction, that the only other mine on which we installed a plant, where the disappointments indicated have never existed, a complete clean-up of the plant has always shown rather more gold than the screen-assay called for. The reversion to the so-called decantation system, about which the Chairman of the New Goch and your correspondent have both made so much, does not invalidate one single principle of our scheme, nor cause the slightest alteration to our plants, other than the substitution of water for weak cyanide solution, and a dam for receiving the slime and solution from our specially designed slime-plants, which latter, as a matter of fact, we provided before the plant was started.

The whole of the details of this scheme we worked out, and successfully practised at the Van Ryn mine, with an equipment of 160 stamps. We are sorry that an explanation of the true position in connection with our plant has necessitated so much space, but we believe it to be due to our friends and ourselves to state the position fully and clearly. DEXXY BROS..

London, June 27.

Per G. A. DEXXY.