DIAMOND FIELDS COLLIERIES CO.

The following is a reproduction of a letter from the Collieery Co. describing the operations of their mining operations in the Kimberley District of South Africa.

To the Editor of "The Mining World and Engineering Record."

"Sir,—We are pleased to inform you that our operations in the Kimberley District are proceeding satisfactorily. We have recently made several new discoveries that will no doubt prove valuable to the industry. We are confident that our efforts will result in the discovery of new veins of diamonds that will add to the wealth of the country.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

THE GOLD COAST.

To the Editor of "The Mining World and Engineering Record."

"Sir,—I have been informed that the operations of the Gold Coast are making excellent progress. The company has recently made several new discoveries that are expected to add significantly to the value of the company's assets. We are confident that our efforts will result in the discovery of new veins of gold that will contribute to the wealth of the country.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of others.]

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was as densely wooded as most parts of the Gold Coast, and the further we went north we shall find fewer trees, more grass and a greater quantity of bush. In the days of my youth, the lake was actually sandy, and wood burns freely in the open before the rains. That any amount of water can be obtained, not by digging a water-hold, but by Government's Abyssinian pumps, is a fact which only those who have seen the matter, can be evident to all observers.

We have said that if batters are wanted they can be made on the summit of all the hills, and on the banks of the rivers four months out of the twelve. During this time every bed rolls a torrent, and the top soil, being deeply sogg'd, is easily washed away. In some of the higher lands the fall is necessary, and that a force pump of sufficient power will do as well as a hydraulic "monitor." The writer has a great respect for the Hydraulic minstrels of the world from their Asiatic predecessors. He purposely ignores the difference, it being simply that these are admittedly superior to the "Monitor" of the world since its introduction.

The United States Government are about to construct a canal to California, and to see, by "Hydraulic Mining in California" (The Century, January, 1877), what Americans and Chinese are doing in the East, whilst Britons stand cowering instead of setting to work. "A fine people," quoth Prince Bismarck, "but somewhat running to fat, and less likely to cost California the war." A correspondent assures me that he has lately inspected the magnificently proportioned company, and has found it "harmful to the work of the country, and that our miners will not repeat our description of "the way the money goes." As is clearly proved by the Gold Coast Company, an honest and intelligently conducted business, the working miners are the one thing fine in the region.

Colorado United Mining Co., Limited.

Sir,—During the week I have received some valuable information relative to these mines, which, in justice to the shareholders, should be made public.

One correspondent writes,—"I have just received the "Mining Record," No. 3 for the week. The company is making excellent progress. The operations of the company are in the hands of the best engineers and mine managers. In the back of the 12th level is a room of the 12th level, which has greatly improved."

Another correspondent writes,—"I have received the 15th level, ending up 14 car loads of solid ore per week; 13th level still improving in size and grade, 11 inch streak. I saw ore broken on Saturday at 5000 cu. ft. of silver ore per ton."

I may add that I value this ground in the 12th level (if the pay streak is 11 inches) at 300,000 per ton, or a sum of the best of that district, 200,000, and the greatest mine this generation has seen. My word to the shareholders is "sink and drive," and will give a little money to the successful comb. No. 3 for the week. The company is making excellent progress. The operations of the company are in the hands of the best engineers and mine managers. In the back of the 12th level is a room of the 12th level, which has greatly improved."

WHERE THE RICHARDS OF SCOTLAND COME FROM.

In the course of a recent tour through Scotland, I was fortunate enough to visit the home of one of the most illustrious families of that country, the Richards family. The Richards are a family of great influence and wealth, and have been prominent in Scottish affairs for many generations.

The home of the Richards is situated in a beautiful valley, surrounded by picturesque scenery. The house is a large, elegant mansion, built of fine red brick, with a beautiful garden and park. The family is composed of many distinguished persons, including lawyers, physicians, and politicians.

One of the most prominent members of the family is John Richards, who is a leading lawyer and politician in Scotland. He is a man of great ability and integrity, and has held several important public offices in his lifetime.

Another member of the family is William Richards, who is a distinguished physician. He is a man of great kindness and charity, and has done much to promote the welfare of the community.

The Richards family is a family of great wealth, and their estates are extensive. They have large estates in various parts of Scotland, and are known for their generosity and philanthropy.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the Richards family is a family of great distinction and influence in Scottish affairs. I was fortunate enough to visit their home, and was greatly impressed by the beauty of the surroundings and the kindness and hospitality of the people who welcomed me. I would highly recommend a visit to the Richards family's estate to anyone who is interested in Scottish history and culture.