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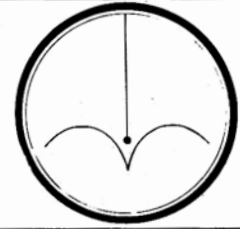
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Welcome to the first issue.

We hope you will find something to interest you among our few pages. *The Irish Diviner* is the quarterly journal of The Irish Society of Diviners, which was founded in 1958 to study, experiment and practice the ancient art (see "About Our Society" on page 7).

Everyone is familiar with divining for water, and its use in finding missing people is a legend, but less is known of its many other uses. It obtains equally reliable results in the search for oil, minerals and gas, in agriculture, archaeology, engineering and medical diagnosis. It can be an invaluable aid to plumbers, electricians, and garage mechanics too. It can even select a balanced diet or harmonise music and colour. Simply put, it can be used wherever a speedy solution to a problem is needed, whether this is in the home or professional life. *The Irish Diviner* will be bringing you features on all these subjects.

In this issue we would like to draw your attention to our feature, "Offshore Oil", an interview with John McIvor, B.A., whose recent oil finds off the Connemara Coast are the largest so far discovered. Oil is a precious commodity and, as we all know, the price keeps rising. The conventional methods of both government and oil companies have failed to produce one viable oil well. We are pleased to announce the first. Mr McIvor has specialised in searching for oil and minerals, and details of his other finds will be given in later issues. Another feature in this issue, "Hope For The Small Farmer" should prove indispensable reading for everyone in the farming community.

Divining has been used by mankind for at least 8,000 years. That is the age given to a wall painting discovered in the Tassili Caves, high in the Atlas Mountains of North Africa. It shows a diviner at work surrounded by curious onlookers. Divining has appeared throughout history in China, Egypt, Greece and Europe. The first book to appear in the West was Agricola's "De Re Metallica", published in 1556. Little over a century later the Church denounced the whole practice and claimed that the movement of the diviner's rod was due either to fraud or a strong, binding pact with the devil. But those were the days of the Inquisition and no such conflict exists today. As recently as 1935 the Vatican praised the Swiss monk, Abbé Mermet, for his divining work. Mermet spent his life making a scientific study of the ancient art, and his book "Radiesthesia" was last published in London by Watkins in 1975.

Despite an ancient history, divining is still one of the mysteries of life. Although there has been some scientific research, notably under the aegis of the British Society of Dowzers, no hard and fast conclusions have been reached. Amongst diviners, opinion is varied, but many do agree that intuition and ESP are involved. One thing they all agree on is that it works—not just for a few but for thousands around the world. There are many other mysteries in our lives that orthodox science has failed to explain. *The Irish Diviner* will open its pages to anyone who wishes to contribute to a greater understanding of these phenomena.

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WATER IS LIFE

by Fergus Rowan

The ancients put it on a par with the other three vital elements—Earth, Air and Fire. The globe is covered by it thrice more than terra firma. Our bodies are more water than all other elements together. Without it our human bodies wither and die. Cities and civilizations begin where the nomad halts by the brink of great rivers. Great ports spring up where the fresh water of the land meets the salty ocean.

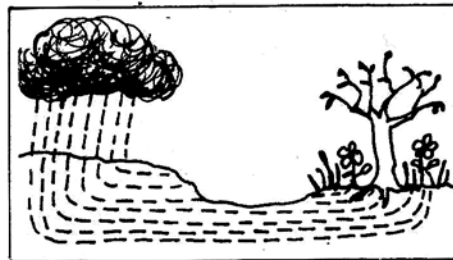
We transport ponderous weights upon it, weight which no man-made roads could carry. Oceans, rivers and canals have always been the bearers of man's agricultural and industrial burdens. With its sister elements, Air and Fire, it feeds man's furnaces, extracting, elaborating and refining the raw ores from the fourth element, Mother Earth, the great provider. We swim in it, fish in it, drink it and clean with it. All nature depends on it. In truth we are the water-people who live on Earth and the water planet is Earth.

To picture an Earth without water is to portray utter desolation, the destruction of every living thing by the uncontrolled elements of Wind and Fire, the oceans huge dried-out caverns full of rotting fish and marine life. The Earth barren, burnt out and blown away down to the parent rock. For a little while the great forests would stand brown and lifeless as mute witnesses of the long drought. Soon the forest would blow away dried out, lifeless dust and then the dead trees would collapse.

These thoughts, as cheerless as the Sirocco, that torrid draught that blows from the Sahara and burns the cool green lands of France, these thoughts were prompted by the recurrence of our second successive long hot summer. A coincidence perhaps, or is it part of a changing weather pattern? We are not yet sure. Geologists speak of the growth of the polar ice-caps and the prevalence

in these islands of winter northerly winds, cold and barren of moisture, which are replacing the traditional south westerlies from the Atlantic. It was this prevailing wind which gave us our uniform damp and warm climate Winter and Summer.

It was part of Nature's wonderful system of balanced water control. Solar radiation from clear blue skies, like some mighty still, evaporates moisture from the salt seas and forms clouds. These water-laden clouds are carried by the winds, so regular they called them the Trade Winds, across the oceans. On reaching the mountainous mainland the



clouds are forced higher and become cooled and condensed into droplets of rain. Giant black rain clouds pass across the land to irrigate the waiting countryside. It is wonderful how rain can expertly and evenly water every blade of grass throughout the length and breadth of the land.

We have no artificial irrigation to speak of in this country. We depend exclusively upon Nature to provide our

needs. Will this happy state continue? There is some doubt. Twice in the last decade the Indian Monsoon has failed. These are the long continuous rains that fall to the north and south of the equator in India, allowing the earth to store camel-like the water vital to sustaining vegetable, animal and human life during the hot, dry growing season.

This gigantic sprinkler system is carried by prevailing winds hundreds of miles north and south of the equator. But it is not reaching its former limits. Thus we see the Sahara Desert advancing southwards with fatal results in Chad, Volta and Abyssinia. Man's control of the weather is, perhaps fortunately, very limited. Against the background of a growing water problem we look to the dowser or water diviner as we would look to the bearer of glad news, the bearer of life and hope.

I have only once seen a dowser in action. He was indoors in a school-hall in Werburgh Street, Dublin. It was at the end of the last meeting of the Irish Divining Research Association (now the Irish Society of Diviners—*Ed.*). Equipped with only a wish-bone shaped piece of forked stick he was divining water under the floor of the school. A stocky man with a long experience of dowsing, he gripped the twig, point upwards, and crossed the room almost at a shuffle. Suddenly he stopped, gave a little jump and the twig sprang downwards. What a marvellous gift. Afterwards he explained about finding the depth, the rate of flow and the purity of the underlying water and again I marvelled at the unselfish nature of the man laying bare the secret lore of his gift.

For me, like most men, water is a liquid to be avoided at all costs. I agree with St Francis in his great canticle to the Sun that we should thank God for the gift of water so "humble and precious and clean". But that water to be fully appreciated must be in a desert or on the battlefield where some Gunga

Din does great deeds. For humanity in general water is just a base, for the breakfast "cuppa" right through to the night-cap of cocoa made with milk (which contains 87% water).

Through the medium of electricity the power of reservoirs and rivers can be transformed into energy, movement, light, sound and heat. All dependant on water. Industry is a giant with an unquenchable thirst. Each car consumes thousands of gallons of water before reaching the end of the production line. Every article of manufacture takes its toll on our limited water resources.

Many people think our climate is changing, as we have already pointed out. After the long drought of last summer we had an unprecedented twelve and one-half inches of rain in October and this has been followed by yet another long dry spell. A friend of mine just back from Libya told me they are very concerned with their water situation. The deep wells have to be sunk three feet deeper each consecutive year.

Another friend of mine spoke recently of the idea of towing icebergs from the Arctic to the parched lands of the Arab world (Saudi Arabia is reported to be considering this solution to their water problems—*Ed.*), or trading fresh water for their oil. Against this background the importance of the dowsing assumes a new value. Of course he can't manufacture water, but he can discover it hidden deep in the earth.

But watering the earth does no good unless that earth can hold and store it



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and use it. Pour water on sand and all you have is wet sand, nothing more. It is therefore doubly important that our fields and gardens have sufficient humus or manure to hold this precious water in dry periods. Artificial manures must not be over-used as they break down soil to a porous dusty material incapable of retaining water.

It is a horrifying fact that all the crops that the earth produces are finally consumed by man who flushes them down a toilet. This is a double waste, of food and water. The Chinese, who number one quarter of the world's population, wouldn't tolerate such flagrant waste. Everything that comes from the earth must go back to the earth. Human, animal, vegetable or industrial "waste"

is composted and returned to the earth.

Ashes to ashes and dust to dust, the life cycle is completed. The rivers are full of fish and their sea isn't yet polluted. Here in Dublin we are in danger of losing our priceless heritage—the beaches around the city, to the ever increasing torrent of sewerage. This material is vital to the earth and fatal to the waters of the sea and rivers. The sewers of Dublin should be turned inland and processed and fed into the bogs. It is about time the devouring city gave something back to the country.

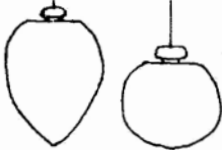
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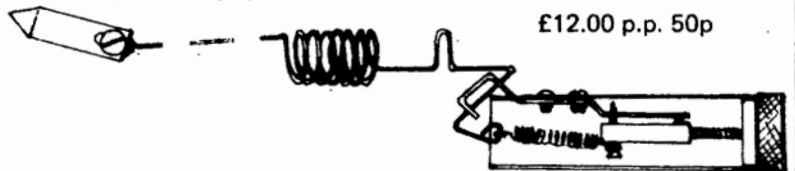
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GOOD HEALTH

All In Your Attitude



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by Luke Beazley

(From a speech delivered to the I.S.D. in May, 1976.)

A state of health in my opinion, is for the most part, how we as individuals react to our environment. That is to say, how we react in *thought*, to people, events and geophysical conditions.

The healthy people are the people who are happy in what they are doing and do not get worried unduly by people and situations and so they go on through life with little trouble. The unhealthy people, on the other hand, are more likely to be the people who react strongly to other people and situations and consequently are more liable to frustration, nervous tension and the other allied complaints which are, to enumerate a few: ulcers, eczema and all forms of itch, depression and headaches. If you accept what I have said so far then it seems to me that we make ourselves what we are by our thinking and if our thinking is faulty then this leads us into trouble and very probably ill health.

Fear is probably one of the worst human enemies and most fears stem from the imagination. Most of us know what fear coupled with imagination can do to us in the early hours and the darkness. But when the daylight comes and the sun shines we wonder what we were worrying about. In the same way if we can shed light on our everyday problems or imagined ones then it is quite likely that the problems will disappear and so will attendant ill-health, but at a slower pace.

Let us look at the human brain, which might afford some explanation to our behaviour problems. Roughly speaking the brain is divided into two main portions, the new and the old. The new, known as the cortex, grew out of the

old. In other words, it is an extension of the old. The old brain is reactive, that is to say it reacts automatically to situations and looks after the interior economy of the body. It is likely that man, before his cortex developed, lived a timid and secluded life. But once the cortex developed he was able to interpret early warning messages from the old brain and classify them as to importance. Like the modern office trays: immediate, pending and long finger!

The trouble today, I think, is that in most of us the cortex now has the upper hand and we are inclined to pay scant attention to our early warning system and this in my view must create internal conflict and attendant ill-health. For good health it is vital that we have harmony in the house we live in. Should any of you doubt what I say just read up the statistics on tranquillizer takers or should I say addicts, many of whom are little more than 10 years of age. These latter are a pathetic monument to our age and the result of discordant parents or households, which in turn produce the symptoms I have been talking about in their children. And what does our great National Death Service, as I call it, recommend? Why, more pills of course! Our thinking establishes our health.

Clearly then, healing, to be permanent, must start from within and that means thinking in correct terms. Most people require help of one sort or another to help them achieve this goal. Our major religions of the world all

agree that life is spiritual in content and spirit produced matter and all matter is living. If we accept this then it is vital for us to be in living contact with our creator. Hence, give us this day our daily bread, or better interpreted as give us this day our spiritual needs. Listen for the small still voice possibly through the old brain but definitely not through that overbearing cortex! This is the first step to healing and good health. Next we go to the doctor or osteopath or healer for assistance. They all have three things in common: they are human beings, they practice medicine of one sort or another and I hope they all want to help their fellow beings.

I just have time to briefly dwell on the healing I practice. I started some six or seven years ago through dowsing for water. This led to my present practice in healing, which I have since learned is called acupressure or zone therapy. Nobody taught me how to do it. I just found out through the pendulum with the question and answer technique. I have given up the pendulum in this work now as it is cumbersome and takes too long, so I simply use my hands to find the necessary acupressure points. I do this in strict sequence till I come to a point where I can find nothing else to treat on the human body in front of me.

I remember reading one of Dr Wilhelm Reich's books a few years ago in which he stated that he found the human body could be roughly divided into three sections: top, middle and bottom, starting at the head. To the best of my memory he said that a stasis or block in the mid section, due to fear, worry, etc., would eventually creep into the other sections and of course start a syndrome. From my own meagre experience I have found this to be the truth and if one can unblock the block and at the same time explain what you are doing it is more than likely you will be putting the patient on the road to recovery. The release of blocks in the nervous system through acupressure has some startling results as expressed by symptoms. I find many of my patients at the end of a session frequently get a severe dose of uncontrolled shivers which usually lasts no more than a few minutes. Others feel dizzy when they get up and some feel too tired to get up and some have been known to go to sleep.

Usually 3 to 4 treatments do the trick but of course some long-standing cases require more if not regular treatment and sadly there are people one cannot help at all. Often people say "can you cure such-and-such a disease"—the answer is I do not know until I try.

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Luke Beazley. Born 1926 in North Wales. After public school began farming career. Commissioned in the Welsh Guards towards the close of the war, he served in the Middle East. Farmed in Australia for 4 years, then moved to Co. Wexford. Seven years ago he began healing, using acupressure and colour therapy. Became Chairman of the I.S.D. in 1976.

OFFSHORE OIL

The Biggest Find So Far

An interview with J. A. McIvor, B.A.,
by Andrew Lovatt

The largest offshore oil find in Irish waters has just been discovered by John McIvor, Treasurer of the I.S.D. A retired headmaster of Howth Road School, John is one of Ireland's foremost diviners. For the past two years he has devoted all his time to his "gift", taking a special interest in minerals and oil—our hidden wealth.

Divining for oil isn't a new idea. Some of the most renowned diviners have done it and some have even been employed by oil companies. Evelyn Penrose gives many vivid accounts of her successes, and failures, in her book "Adventure Unlimited" (British Society of Dowsers, 1959). The Swiss monk, Abbe Mermet, considered by many the "King of Dowsers", and commended for his life-long work by the Vatican, has written the scientific study of oil and mineral prospection in his book "Radiesthesia" (Watkins, 1974).

John McIvor, B.A., Hon. Dipl. Ed., has devoted the past two years to developing his "gift" for divining and has taken a special interest in locating oil and minerals. Last year he read of the Kish and Kinsale finds made by oil company geologists and decided to apply the map dowsing technique, his speciality, to see what he could find. He first checked the Kinsale oil well (owned by the Esso-Marathon consortium) and

found it to yield 1,500 barrels a day. The owners give 1,550 barrels as their official figure. He then checked Kish and came up with the same figure of 1,500 barrels a day. As this hasn't yet been drilled by the Amoco/Petrofina/Aran-BP consortium, we will watch with interest.

Then, in his own words: "I went along the coast over the map and came to Galway Bay. I got a reaction between Inishmore and the Connemara coast. I contacted a friend who's interested in this work and he supplied me with a detailed Mariner's Map of Galway. With this I could easily pinpoint the exact position of the find, a mile south of Garumna Island, where there is a geological fault. My friend brought a geologist with him whom I asked for an opinion. He, more or less, thought it was granite. I didn't think it was. Later, another geological source, which has been doing exploration there recently, found it to be shale and limestone, with a fault running exactly where I had said it was. I consider it is quite borable and it's in shallow water too. I got a count of 3,200 barrels a day. That is equal to Kish and Kinsale put together."

There are over thirty oil companies formed to participate in consortiums to explore for our offshore wealth, twelve of these being Irish. The Government have zoned the country and national waters into blocks, which they allocate to the consortiums for exploration. John McIvor's oil find is a mile south of Garumna Island in Block 29. This block has yet to be allocated.

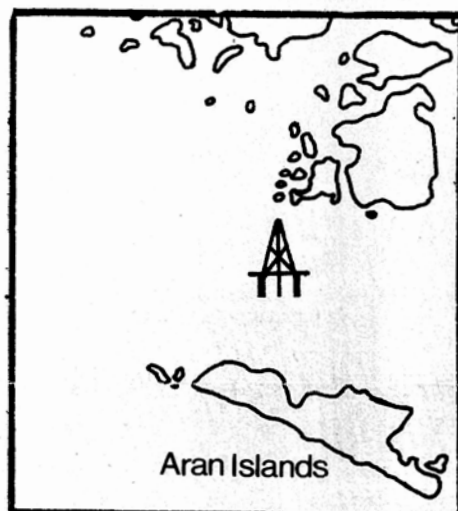
But what is 3,200 barrels per day, compared with our daily consumption of oil products? Well, not much it seems. We use the staggering amount of over 100,000 barrels each twenty four hours. Every drop of this has to be imported and as we all know, the price keeps rising. While it's true that the oil companies are looking for quite sizeable finds to make their investment in equipment and manpower viable, in other words to make a profit, it has to be stressed that this oil find is easily accessible in shallow water close to the coast.

Current estimates for deep-sea oil drilling put the cost somewhere around £75 million per well. With this in mind it is to be expected that the oil companies will seek the largest oil field, they can

find. The owners of the Kinsale oil well, mentioned earlier, have abandoned the well and plugged it because 1,500 barrels per day is not considered viable by them. But that was a deep-water exploration. The oil off Garumna Island is in shallow water and it will yield twice as much. Who will drill it?

One doesn't quite expect the oil companies or consortiums, steeped as they are in technology and science, to accept the findings of a man who holds a pendulum above a map. As John McIvor readily admits: "It's very difficult. There seems to be a barrier between the scientific and what one might call the psychic. Except you can prove it definitely and in their terms, they won't accept it." There are many theories amongst diviners as to why it works and all of them differ. The one thing they have in common with each other is that it works and that's what counts.

"I have many times had my findings verified and found to be correct," he



says. "One example, though it's not to do with oil, will show what I mean. I was up in Castleblaney, in April 1976, when Mary Kelly was a pupil at the Secondary School there. She won First Prize as Young Scientist of the Year. I went to the school and she produced her finds. She would ask me, 'What depth is this mine?' I would count down and I found the depth, which she said was right. She said, 'What width is this seam?' I asked if I should start at ten and she said yes. I counted and came to twenty one, when the pendulum gyrated for me. I said that was the width in inches. She said, 'That's what I found also.' When I had done all that a class came in and the teacher asked if I would give a talk on radiesthesia. After having spoken for about a quarter of an hour I asked them if there was anybody there who had a disease or was threatened by one.

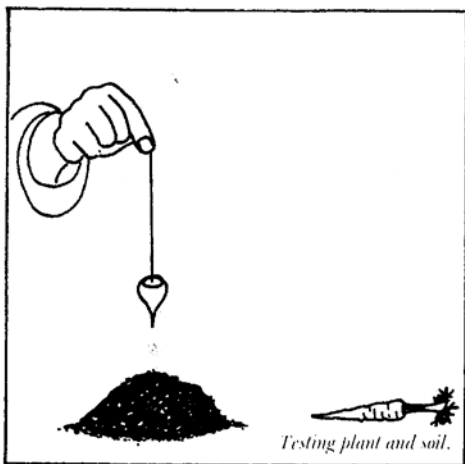
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A Shell Photograph

Andrew Lovatt. Born 1949 in London. Married with one son. A writer, editor and publisher when in his teens. Took to films and with George Solomos produced "FIBA Film Quarterly". Widely travelled and disillusioned, a chance meeting with an ageing homeopath gave him new hope and a new path. Founding editor of "The Irish Drivener".

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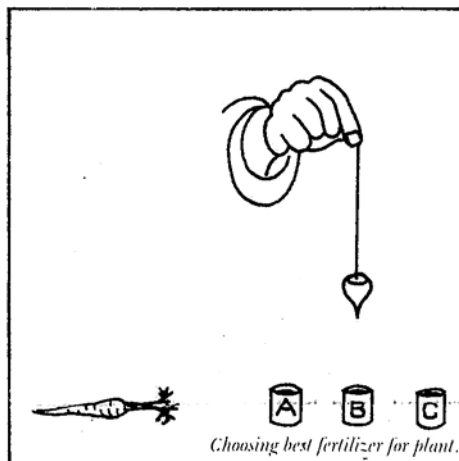
An extract from Lt.-Col. F. A. Archdale's booklet "Elementary Radiesthesia"*
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It is not necessary for me to stress the importance of agriculture in these difficult times, but if radiesthesia will help us, as it will, to get a better return for our labours by planting the right thing in the right place, and by using the right fertilizer, so much the better.

The big farmer is in a position to take advantage of the various Government departments which are set up to assist him in testing his soil and so on. There are, however, thousands of smallholders and tens of thousands of gardeners who are not able to take advantage of such facilities and it is for them that radiesthesia will be found profitable. Time and again I have heard gardeners say "Broad beans never do well in my garden, I don't know why, I'm sure." The answer is, of course, that either the soil is unsuitable or they are using the wrong fertilizer.

Our objective in the following tests is to determine whether harmony exists between plant and soil and, when necessary, between plant and fertilizer. If a plant is not in harmony with the soil in which it has been planted it will grow but it will not thrive. That is common knowledge to all, but, generally speaking, we have to find out for ourselves by trial and error, whereas radiesthesia will give us the answer in a matter of minutes.

Let us, for example, suppose that you have a small plot of ground in which you decided to grow tobacco, although you do not know whether the soil is suitable or not. If you plant it and it is a success, well and good; if it is not, you have lost the use of the plot for about six months, and have spent time and money to no purpose. The test by radiesthesia is not a difficult one. As you may have several samples on the table at the same time I suggest that a newspaper be spread for the purpose. Take a small sample of soil from the plot, a large handful is sufficient, and place it in a

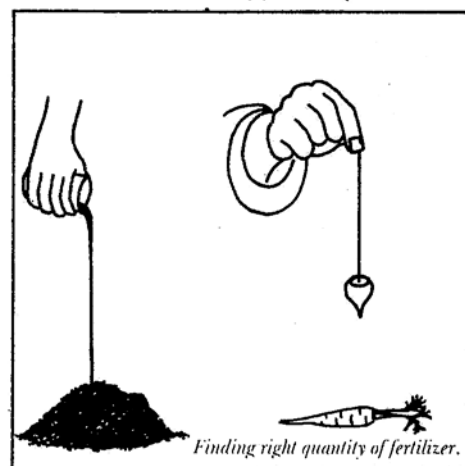


small heap on the paper. About eighteen inches away from the heap of some seeds, but preferably a seedling. Hold your pendulum over the heap of earth and when it is gyrating strongly move it from the soil to above the seedling and watch the result closely. If the gyrations increase then the soil is in harmony with the plant and is therefore quite suitable for growing tobacco and you have nothing more to worry about. If the gyrations decrease it means that the soil is not particularly good although not bad, for the purpose. Should the pendulum change over from gyrations to oscillations it signifies that the soil requires some form of fertilizer to make it suitable. If, however, the pendulum gyrates in the opposite direction, the soil is unsuitable and no attempt to grow tobacco should be made. This test can be applied to anything that grows in the ground—vegetables, flowers or fruit must be used as a sample. A dead twig or leaf, for example, should not be used.

We will suppose that your pendulum has indicated that the soil requires some form of fertilizer in order to make up some deficiency. In order to make this test you must have small samples, about two ounces, of each of the various fertilizers you have at your disposal. You must now determine which fertilizer is in harmony with the tobacco seedling so the soil sample must be replaced by the

samples of fertilizer, placed several inches apart so as to be clear of each other's field of influence. Hold your pendulum over the tobacco seedling and when it is gyrating move it above each of the fertilizers in turn, the one that gives the strongest reaction will be the right one for tobacco growing. You will probably find no difficulty in selecting the right fertilizer because the pendulum will continue most likely to gyrate over one and decrease or stop over the others, but it may take a little practice before you get it right.

Having found which fertilizer is the most suitable, put the others away and bring your samples of soil into use again, as you must now determine how much fertilizer is required for the heap of soil. This is a somewhat delicate test so it is advisable for you to have an assistant. Hold the pendulum over the



earth and then move it to the plant and while it is gyrating let your assistant add the fertilizer, a very small quantity at a time, to the heap of soil. As the fertilizer acts as a tonic the gyrations of the pendulum over the plant will increase up to a point. When you think that point has been reached, stop adding the fertilizer. If more is added the gyrations will decrease and you will know that you have added too much. Again a little practice is necessary.

*An alternative word for divining, radiesthesia means simply, sensitive to radiations.

ABOUT OUR SOCIETY

We were founded in February, 1958. Brig. Baron de Robeck was elected our first President and Miss Stella Frost our first Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Baron de Robeck suggested our name should be the Irish Divining Research Association. We have carried that name until recently, when it was felt that the name the Irish Society of Diviners was simpler, and that research should be undertaken by a group within the I.S.D.

Highlights of our past meetings have included a visiting lecture by George de la Warr, inventor of the famous radionic "black box", from Oxford. Lectures have been given by Col. K. W. Merrylees, Mr W. Comber Higgs, Mr J. Latham and Mr L. R. Ogden, to mention a few. All were very qualified men in their field who brought a high quality of perception to the study and practice of divining.

Due to the deaths of three of our leading members in 1965 our Society became dormant. Since then a great deal of interest has arisen in things inexplicable by orthodox science and by 1976 we awoke once more. It was particularly due to the efforts of Mrs B. Dawson and Mr J. A. McIvor that a General Meeting was called in May, 1976.

Mr Luke Beazley, a healer and member of the British Society as well as our own, was invited to talk. (He has written an article, drawn from his talk, for this issue, called "GOOD HEALTH".)

At the last meeting, held on 11th September, 1976, at Werburgh Street, Dublin, Mr L. Beazley was elected Chairman; Mrs. B. Dawson, Hon. Sec.; and Mr J. A. McIvor, Treasurer.

The Editor

OFFSHORE OIL *Continued*

A young girl at the end of the class put up her hand and said she was. Now, I asked her to write down on three pieces of paper the names of three diseases, one of which she was threatened with, and bring these up to me. Well, she put them on the table before me with the writing down and I went over them with my pendulum. On the first I got no reaction. On the second I did get a reaction and on the third nothing again. So I turned over the paper and asked her if that was correct. She said, 'it's quite right'. She had appendicitis threatening. I have never really been wrong in any of my diagnoses of this type. Which leads me to think that I must be right in my diagnosis of the oil."

The oil company executives probably think divining is a matter of chance, perhaps only luck. Yet they themselves have sunk more dry wells around the coast of Ireland than good ones. In fact, there isn't a well in Irish waters producing oil at this time, though there are a few producing gas. Now the oil industry is gearing up for deep-sea exploration in the Porcupine Trough, south-west of Ireland, and hopes to strike a bonanza and indeed must with the costs involved. Perhaps they should consider inviting a group of diviners to give their qualified opinion and allow "psychic" and scientific equal play?

But while talking of the large we shouldn't forget the small. The oil off Garumna Island is there for the taking.

GOOD HEALTH *Continued*

Human contact and explanation are two very important ingredients in healing and the Polynesian healers were Masters in this. I will not dwell on the Polynesians as I did this in my last talk, but I would recommend all Max Freedom Long's books for those of you who are interested. Dr Aubrey Westlake wrote an excellent book called "A Pattern of Health". It's a good title for there is no doubt that people do set up their own patterns of health and I think it is important to remember this in all healing work. You may cure the outward symptoms but you must cure the inner or mental symptoms as well as this

may take longer. I think that we unconsciously set up our own pattern of health by our most constant thoughts whatever they may be. I doubt anyone has put the situation more succinctly than Jesus Christ, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." So before blaming anything and everything for our ill health perhaps we should start by examining our own "Thinks Bubbles" coming out of the tops of our heads and not someone else's. The other injunction by our Lord was "Know Thyself", perhaps the most difficult but probably the most necessary.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr Lovatt,

I am pleased to hear that your Society is active again, and hope that all goes well for the Society in the future.

Best Wishes,
Arthur Bailey,
President,
British Society of Dowzers,

Principles and Practice of Radiesthesia

by Abbé Mermet

230pp Watkins Publishing £2.25

This book is a translation of a French edition entitled "Comment j'opere" (How I Operate) which was produced over forty years ago. The author, a Swiss abbot, has been described as "the greatest dowser of all time". In his book he describes in great detail his many experiences especially in the field of diagnostic dowsing. The book is divided into five sections. Part 1 deals with the elements of radiesthesia. Part 2 deals with radiesthesia on site. Part 3 is entitled "Telerradiesthesia or Distant Prospection". In Part 4 the author deals with "Radiations of Living Beings" and in Part 5 with "Teliagnosis", or distant biological detection.


The whole book is fully documented. One of the most interesting and informative parts of the book is the Bibliography at the back, which as this book was last published in 1975 is fully up to date. Having read this book one must surely admit that Abbé Mermet was, and still is "King of the Dowzers".

It is interesting to note that the Abbés of France and Switzerland were the foremost dowzers in Europe in the first half of the present century. Reasons why this should be so have been advanced by some modern writers on dowsing but their reasons seem to be somewhat hazy and unconvincing. Would any of our readers care to offer their view?

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