

WATER DIVINING AT A DISTANCE

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The following letter from Mr. Frank Hives, an overseas member of the College, and the comments and information given by his cousin, Mr. Chas. V. Hives, resident in Queensland, Australia, will be particularly interesting to those of our members who are diviners themselves or take an interest in the subject. Mr. F. Hives and his cousin were in England last year, and their visit to the College is remembered with pleasure.

SALISBURY, S. RHODESIA,

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"My cousin has sent me the enclosed notes in which you may be interested. The facts are these. My cousin being very worried about not being able to get water in the bore-hole he was sinking and knowing of my natural psychic gift, decided to ask for my help. He sent me a very rough sketch of his property, which only showed the boundaries of his property 'Inadale,' near Toowoomba, Queensland, the house, the spot where he was boring for water and the place where his windmill and well were.

"I gathered that the distance from the bore-hole to the well (a very poor one, I understand), was about 15 chains.

"I got out my crystal which I use for divining and put it on the rough plan and, as usual when working with a crystal, made my mind a blank. Almost immediately the crystal became cloudy and figures began to appear. 250 was shown and remained for some time, then disappeared and was followed by the figures 585, which remained till I removed the crystal. I then replaced the crystal on the plan and the figures 585 again appeared. Placing the crystal at the top of the plan I took my fine 'copper wires,' and worked these over the plan. When over the site of the bore-hole, the wires, instead of going down, as they do when indicating water, rose up, as they always do when indicating minerals, usually iron, and the figure 250 again appeared in the crystal, but changed again to 585 when the 'wires' went down.

"The 'wires' then stopped, but vibrated over a place on the plan which I took to be about a chain's distance from the bore-hole to the West. This spot showed that it was on a main road, according to the plan. This I think is the place where the bore-hole should have been put down instead of its present site and where water might be found at 385 feet, as these figures appeared over this spot. After a short rest I replaced the crystal on the plan, and very soon a thin blue line, increasing in width as it continued, as if drawn by an invisible hand, started from a place

on the plan, a few yards below the spot where the figures 385 had appeared and continued right off the plan, passing the present site of the well by about 20 yards to the East of it. I read this to mean that the well is *not* on the underground stream, as shown by the blue line.

“ I have never been to Toowoomba and know nothing about the locality. I tried by clairvoyant means to help my cousin in his difficulty.”

In the following notes Mr. C. V. Hives details the operations which have been going on on his estate and comments on Mr. Frank Hives' discoveries by divining from the plan :—

“ The Bore. In May, 1936, a 5in. hole was drilled on top of the ridge at the back of the house. This site was selected on the advice of the driller, who had 30 years' local experience. He was confident of a good supply at 180ft. or a little more. The divining machine (an English patent) corroborated this both as to the supply and the depth. The site was a very desirable one as it was only a few yards distant from the big tank which at present supplies the house. This is fed by water pumped up from a well by windmill—situated about 10 chains down the slope below the ridge—East of the tank. When the site for the bore was being picked the driller observed that ‘ it would be better over on the road, which runs a few yards to the West of the tank.’

“ *Mem.* F.H. says, in letter to me of 13/10/37, ‘ The figures 385 came up just about 22 yards directly to the left (*i.e.*, from the bore-hole), but on the main road.

“ ‘ Over the bore-hole itself figures kept changing, stopped a while at 250, then 585 came.

“ ‘ Over the bore-hole (trying my best copper wire), the wires came up instead of going down. This always indicates mineral bearing rock, generally at depth.’ (Note the dolorite presently).

“ The record of the bore-hole to date (1st January, 1938) is as follows :—

“ At 142ft. clay all the way, thence through soft red rock working gradually into blue basalt, very hard at 180ft. This continued exceptionally hard stone, to 249ft., when drilling was discontinued (June, 1936). In October, 1937, drilling resumed. Almost immediately at 250ft., the basalt changed to dolorite, a very hard igneous rock, harder than the basalt. At 468ft. we are still in the dolorite, and if there is no change at 500ft. the hole will be abandoned. The driller says this is the worst run he has experienced in 30 years. He hates being beaten, and he has his fine reputation to consider.

“ Referring again to F.H.'s letter of 13/10/37 I note he says : ‘ I then tried on other parts of the plan, and a very thin blue line started on the dividing line between your grass lawn and the

lucerne, the blue line meandered about, getting thicker. I read this as follows. There is the beginning of a small underground stream starting not far from the edge of your private road, flowing under the lucerne down to the windmill. I don't think your well is in the centre of the stream.'

"C.V.H. says that in replying to this under date 19/11/37 he said that he knew nothing about an underground stream and dismissed this part of F.H.'s letter from his mind. (He had written to F.H. about the bore-hole and all his interest was concentrated on that). He thought it possible there might be an underground stream running down the valley somewhere on the property, but if so, he felt pretty sure it would only be a 'soakage' stream, dependent on the seasons and of no value for his purpose. He wanted a good permanent supply such as might be obtained by a bore on the top of the ridge. The ridge forms the edge of a tableland where there are numerous bores at close intervals on a permanent supply (two of these are within 300 yards of the site selected for the bore being drilled).

"C.V.H. now records a most remarkable fact. Recently he was inspecting a paddock near the windmill with his stockman. The latter happens to be a grandson of the original pioneer selector of the property. He casually mentioned that he had recently been talking to his grandmother, who told him that, in the early days there was never any shortage of water—the rainfall was better, springs everywhere, &c. Also two water diviners at different times had divined a stream underground running in much the same direction as indicated by F.H. in his notes (C.V.H. who had not mentioned F.H.'s divination in any way to anybody, was naturally much interested). He casually raised the question of underground streams with the experienced well-borer, who has an extensive local knowledge as stated. He said he was quite aware of the fact that two diviners had indicated a stream on the property. He himself some few years before had tried his divining machine down the slope, and showed C.V.H. where a stream was indicated by the machine. This course corresponded with that of the two diviners just mentioned, and *also with the blue line* indicated by F.H.

"All agree that the present well on the windmill is off the line, though it is not clear where the stream ends. Generally it is thought that the stream would end or be lost in a gorge the head of which is five or six chains to the South of the well in question. There is no evidence of course that such a subterranean stream actually exists. The remarkable thing is that F.H. should have corroborated, by *clairvoyant divination* the findings of three diviners on the spot. With none of these was he in touch, and the idea of telepathic communications with C.V.H. is ruled out, as the latter knew nothing of the findings of the local diviners

until after he had received the letter with the information from F.H., who knew nothing of the local people who had the information. It should be noted also that no inquiry was made of F.H. concerning a subterranean stream of this description, he was asked to direct his mind to the bore-hole. It was entirely a spontaneous voluntary effort on his part."

January 1st, 1938.

C.V.H.

NOTES AND NEWS

It is interesting to note that in the revised edition of *Geology for Engineers* by Brigadier-General R. F. Sorsbie, C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E., which has just been published, the use of water diviners is advocated in connection with prospecting for water in the following terms: "When prospecting for water the engineer will do well to call in the aid of a well-known water diviner and collate the information thus obtained with the geological considerations. . . ."

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Mr. J. A. Clarke (B.S.D.) writes :

"Mr. Hawker's story of the finding of the brooch in the September number of the *Journal* reminds me of several occasions when I have found my rod a very useful friend.

"My wife had mislaid a ten shilling note and could not remember where she had put it. The note had been folded in a one pound note. Unfolding this note I picked up from the side where the ten shilling note had rested. Starting from the spot where she remembered separating the notes, which was in the dining room, the rod led me through the hall out into the kitchen. On the door, opened back across the corner of the dresser, hung my wife's overall, but on feeling in the pockets nothing could be found, although the rod indicated this. Returning to the starting-point, the rod again led to the same place. Close to the door, directly behind where the overall had been, was the drawer of the dresser ; on opening same, the note lay just inside.

"On another occasion, I was with a party of friends visiting Castle Eden Dene. We had wandered about all the afternoon and were returning along one of the paths when we came to a fork in the track. A discussion arose as to which was the right one to take. One of the party had never been in the Dene before. Taking my rod I picked up this person's influence. Then going a little way down one path, I tried to pick up this person's trail by crossing the path ; the rod would not react. Trying across the other path, the rod indicated the person had