

*La Radiesthésie et l' Art de Guérir.*—Paul Dessart, advocate of the Court of Appeal of Liège discusses the legal position of the medical radiesthetist in Belgium and France.

In view of the continued attacks on Radiesthésie by writers and journalists, the Editors have started a *Tableau d'Honneur* in which notable results, the reality of which is indisputable, will be published. Three cases are given.

Amongst the reviews Mr. T. B. Franklin's article "Cosmic Radiations and Dowsing" which appeared in *B.D.S.J.* VI, 52, is printed in full in English and French.

There is a short obituary notice of the well-known teleradiesthetist, Joseph Treyve, who died on March 30, 1946. He was a collaborator of Dr. Alexis Carrel, author of *Man the Unknown*.

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## NOTES AND NEWS

The statement quoted from a letter from Herr Bittel on page 381 of *B.S.D.J.* VI, 52, to the effect that the practice of Radiesthesia was forbidden in Germany under Nazi rule requires supplementing in the light of a note by M. Jean Charlotheaux in the *Revue Internationale*, No. 2.

The official order was issued in August, 1943, but previous to that the German Army had employed dowsers, and in 1941 the *Zeitschrift für Wünschelrutenforschung* published an announcement stating that it possessed complete documents regarding the use of dowsing not only for water, but that military reasons prevented their publication for the time being.

Radiesthesia was discussed in other papers also. For instance, *Die Woche* of September 3, 1941, published a report on the work of dowsers in Russia, as did the *Das Illustrierte Blatt* of Frankfurt on Maine, whilst the organ of the supreme command of the Wehrmacht in its issue of January 29th, 1941, produced an illustrated report on military dowsing entitled "In the Desert, Water is more precious than Gold."

M. Charlotheaux, editor of the *Revue*, was a prisoner of war for five years, as also was the sub-editor; he can personally testify to the use of dowsers in P.O.W. camps, ostensibly to find water, but actually for discovering tunnels made with a view to escape. He underwent a close examination by the Gestapo on the subject of *Rayons Nocifs*. From July 1st, 1941, the study of Radiesthesia was formally prohibited in P.O.W. camps, as it was supposed to encourage attempts at escape.