out in a practical way no matter how much we are given to favoring the ideal method.

A debate is a very entertaining and clear-cut manner of getting the problem in its different phases before the people. The issue is constantly kept in the mind of the reader. The debate on the whole is entertaining all the way through, with no lagging of interest or confusing of the issue.

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Old Village Life, or Glimpses of Village Life through All Ages.

By P. H. DITCHFIELD. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co.,
1920. Pp. xii+253. \$2.50.

This book's title is misleading, since the work treats exclusively of the English village. The author is a country parson with a reputation as an antiquarian, but not as a sociologist. He follows from prehistoric times the course of village life through Celtic, Roman, Saxon, and Norman history down through the Reformation, Elizabethan, Stuart, and present-day developments. The emphasis falls upon the Tudor and Stuart periods, together with those of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The treatment of the manor is especially good. Some forty illustrations and drawings from ancient records greatly illuminate the volume.

Perhaps it is fair to say that this book is written more for the general reader than for the scholar, though this does not nullify its value for the student of rural life. While not so penetrating as Julia Patton's work, it is broader in scope, and withal about the most interesting book that has been produced on the English village.

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War-Time Strikes and Their Adjustment. By ALEXANDER M. BING. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co., 1921. Pp. ix+329. \$2.50.

The book under review will be found both convenient and useful. The author treats primarily of the labor disputes that occurred during