

But when all is read one may pause and consider that one has gained no new information about life and conditions "on the other side". In keeping the messages in harmony with the teaching of the Bible, except possibly as to the fate of impenitent sinners, the letters have added no essential item to what is revealed in the Bible. Stead gained, and others like him gained, in confidence of the reality of the other world by having these communications from those whom they knew "on this side". They think to substitute faith with knowledge. But to the rest of us it is still as much a matter of faith as ever. Then what are we to do with the inconsistencies, even the contradictions, in the testimonies that come from different ones who have "passed over"? What, for example, shall we do about the messages which "Julia" gave to Mr. Stead and those more recent messages to Sir Oliver Lodge from "Raymond"? How, too, account for "Julia's" style of argument and expression being so much of a piece with that of Mr. Stead?

The book is very interesting, its teachings are mainly very sound and salutary. But one remains puzzled and unconvinced.

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**The Methodist Year Book, 1919.** By Oliver S. Baketel, Editor. Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati. 254 pp. 25 cts.

This number (86) of the Methodist Year Book is well in keeping with the excellent year books of the past. The editor certainly deserves commendation for bringing into such small space so much valuable and interesting information and facts. Two features are worthy of special mention: the advance made by this great religious body along all lines and the plans for greater progress in the coming year.

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**The German Conspiracy in American Education.** By Gustavus Ohlinger, Captain U. S. A. George H. Doran Company, New York. 113 pp. \$1.25.

The author tells how Germany, having Prussianized her own schools to regiment the mind of the nation and provide the materials for her military program, set herself to the "preservation and promotion of Germanism among the thirty million people of German blood dwelling outside the boundaries of the empire". She was most active and most successful in America, where Germans were not to rest until "Americanizing means the same thing as Germanizing".