

PARISH LIFE UNDER QUEEN ELIZABETH

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"We have a first-rate piece of original work in the volume on *Parish Life under Queen Elizabeth*, by Professor W. P. M. Kennedy. One hardly expects in a series of this kind to find so genuinely important a contribution to historical knowledge. But it is really such, for though the matter is compressed into a limited space, Professor Kennedy supplies a sort of key-picture to a critical and most complicated field of research which has never before had justice done to it. Seeing that the author in his Anglican days wrote a *Life of Archbishop Parker*, whom it is interesting to note he still commends, . . . and that he collaborated with Dr. Walter Frere in editing the *Visitation Articles and Injunctions* of the period, he possesses, as might be expected, a thorough and first-hand knowledge of the sources. To the painstaking labour expended on details the numerous footnotes bear witness, and it is indeed hardly too much to say that no future study of the Elizabethan Settlement in religion can afford to neglect this unpretending little volume. Professor Kennedy has no startling conclusions to announce. Like most sober and conscientious workers, he finds that truth lies more or less midway between the extremes. But he corrects incidentally many Evangelical misconceptions, and it gives an interesting if profoundly sad picture of the low ebb to which religion had fallen in England during Elizabeth's reign."—*Dublin Review*.