

wards the glorious Queen of England), that she might not want his pious counsel, with some other private instructions concerning her."*

It is to the singular ability and faithfulness with which Parker fulfilled this dying charge of Queen Anne Boleyn that the Protestant world owes the knowledge, firmness, courage, perseverance and fidelity of her gifted daughter, Queen Elizabeth, in maintaining the Protestant Reformation and liberties of England against a combination of ecclesiastical and civil powers unprecedented and unparalleled in virulence and resources.

On the death of her brother, Edward VI., the Protestant faith of Elizabeth was put to the test, and her persecution on its account commenced. While Cranmer conducted the funeral service of the deceased King at Westminster Abbey, according to the King's own service book, Queen Mary commanded Bishop Gardiner to sing the mass for the dead in the Tower Chapel, in her presence, and that of some four hundred persons, some of whom had been attracted by her example. "It was observed," says Dr. R. Vaughan, "that among many unexpected faces present on that day, the princess Elizabeth was not to be seen. She had been requested to attend, and had refused, and the gossip of the court made this fact notorious. From this time, the course of persecution to which Elizabeth became subject from the hands of her sister, was such that anything of that nature which Mary had herself suffered had been a light matter in comparison with it. During the month of August, all that could be done by persuasion or by threatening to induce the sister of the Queen to attend mass, was done. Mary appealed to the Council on her case, and required the lords to expostulate with her one by one. Elizabeth, still a girl not twenty years of age, answered the arguments to which she was obliged to listen; and did so at length with some curtness and impatience. Her decision, the natural

† Strype's Parker, Vo. I., chap. ii, p. 14. Fox, in the *Book of Martyrs*, represents Queen Anne Boleyn as most liberal to the poor; as having decided Henry VIII. to print the Bible in English; and thereby excited the Popish party to plot her destruction; as having desired her chaplains to use perfect freedom in admonishing her of any thing they might consider in want of amendment. "The honest and unsparing Latimer was one of these chaplains."