

ELIZABETH, 1558—1603 (45 years).

Title: Daughter of Henry VIII.

SUMMARY OF REIGN.

**SECTION I.—DIFFICULTIES OF ELIZABETH'S
POSITION, AND THE SETTLEMENT OF THE GREAT
RELIGIOUS QUESTION.**

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**SECTION II.—THE RIVALRY BETWEEN ELIZABETH
AND MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS.**

The Reformation in Scotland. Treaty of Edinburgh. Mary, Queen of Scots returns to Scotland. Character of Mary. She marries Darnley. Murder of Darnley. Mary's flight into England. Roman Catholic Plots in favour of Mary. Plots of the Duke of Norfolk, and of Ridolfi. Relations with Spain and France. The Massacre of St. Bartholomew. The Jesuit intrigues and Throgmorton's Plot. The Band of Association. Leicester's expedition to Holland. Battle of Zutphen. Babington's Plot, and execution of Mary, Queen of Scots.