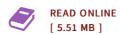




## Description of the Clergy in Rural Russia: The Memoir of a Nineteenth-Century Parish Priest (Paperback)

By I.S. Belliustin

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