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The summary of doctoral dissertation entitled Rural areas of the Kielce Province between 1870 and 1914 according to "Gazeta Kielecka".

The subject of this doctoral dissertation takes a close look at the countryside of Kielce province between 1870-1914 according to "Gazeta Kielecka". Author focused on the Kielce province and other parts of the Polish Kingdom are beyond the scope of this treatise.

Objectives of the dissertation is to outline rural areas of the Kielce Province and their inhabitants from the perspective of editors and additionally indicate advantages and disadvantages of the press as a historical source. A picture of rural areas presented in "Gazeta Kielecka" is simplified, but after critical analysis, "Gazeta Kielecka" is a reliable historical source. Journalist comments about surrounding world they are priceless sources of information about events, ideas, and values. Which allows us to reconstruct the contemporary reality. This treatise is divided into four chapters. In the first one author focuses on the economic and social situation of rural areas inclusive with population size, stratification, religious and ethnic structure. In the chapter number two, author will deal with the problem of upbringing, education and health situation for instance issues like caring for small children, primary education and illiteracy. Chapter number three is devoted to religiosity and customs of the people. And in conclusion the last chapter presents journalistic stereotypes about inhabitants of the Kielce Province, for instance peasant is always drunk which was resulted from poverty, hunger and past policy of the nobility.

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