

The Ladder of Life

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CHAPTER I.

Squire Otto Brams sat at the bay-window of his rather dilapidated castle and was reading some parchment sheets with the closest attention.

future alone will disclose. Till then obey me in the full belief that I desire your welfare and that I know how to take the most fitting means to ensure it.

CHAPTER II.

For three hours had Albert been standing, with his letter of application in his hand, in the ante-chamber of the Chief Justice's office, amongst a crowd of persons waiting for an interview.

A vigorous old man with a serious and averted face which seemed as free from passion as a stone, in an official dress of severe black with white hands, sat at a table covered with records and reports, and with scrutinising look.

who only ask for a hearing which they have a right to demand? I don't answer such impertinent questions," replied the head-clerk; "but, once more, will you do the work I brought for you?"

Domestic Reading. We cannot benefit ourselves without benefiting others also. If we are cheerful, happy and well, we brighten and invigorate those; if we gain knowledge, we communicate it; if we grow strong and courageous, we afford protection and infuse courage; if we are noble and true, others breathing our spiritual atmosphere become also noble and true.

Religious Bigotry Rebuked. The following letter appeared in the Westminster Gazette, London: Sir—As a constant reader of your paper you permit me to offer a word of protest against the spirit of religious bigotry which marks the extracts you print in yesterday's Westminster from the current issue of the Methodist Times?