

stone, to rebuke atheistical presumption and claim dutiful homage for the Ancient of Days.

NO GOOD IS TO BE EXPECTED FROM ATHEISM.

And why should unbelief be so strenuously advocated? What means this striving, as zealous as fruitless, to expel God from his dominions? Whence springs this eagerness of puny creatures to annihilate the Creator, and undo the beneficence that made and sustains them, as if by denuding the universe of an architect and occupant men could serve themselves heirs to the inappropriated inheritance? Suppose atheism established, what is it to do for us?

Promote morality? If so, it would perform a goodly service. Every careful observer must have remarked what an ascendant influence the moral element wields in the lot of humanity. Visit the most wretched of a city population, and you may find them groaning under many hardships, and each of these inflicting its own sufferings; but the master evil, and that which transcends, and either originates or aggravates all the rest, is delinquency. They might arise from