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**AS IT AFFECTS THE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT OF SOCIETY, WITH
REMARKS ON THE SPECULATIONS OF MR. GODWIN, M. CONDORCET,
AND OTHER WRITERS.**

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Man never is, but always to be blest.”

Evil exists in the world not to create despair but activity. We are not patiently to submit to it, but to exert ourselves to avoid it. It is not only the interest but the duty of every individual to use his utmost efforts to remove evil from himself and from as large a circle as he can influence, and the more he exercises himself in this duty, the more wisely he directs his efforts, and the more successful these efforts are; the more he will probably improve and exalt his own mind, and the more completely does he appear to fulfil the will of his Creator.
