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less for ever beyond - this is, the

The divine adjustment through which human-
nature in general and every man in
particular gets on successfully - If we
shun the struggle we fly backward re-
linquish its fruits and finally lapse
into a hopeless torpidity - If we encounter

the struggle with thoughtful and man-
ful earnestness we win position and
comparative excellence but the superlative
eternally eludes our grasp - For supreme
while the good and the better are attainable
the best does not belong to mundane
matters Comparative good ~~is~~ - ~~for~~
~~permanently~~ ^{always decreasing by mortals or} ~~increasing~~ ^{by} ~~continual~~ conquest
^{is ours -} but supreme good ~~is a creature here~~
~~below~~ ^{begets} the skies is a creature of fancy
which if it could be reduced to
fact would reduce us to a state
of perpetual stagnation

all human good is finite ^{rising with} ~~humanity~~ ^{from Earth}
~~& infinite~~ degrees of altitude but
 with no accessible acme. While
 Supreme good belongs to the infinite
 and is found only in God - I am
 glad that it is so - I see clearly the wis-
 dom and grandeur of the entire sys-
 tem - It is a perpetual incentive
 to perpetual progress -

From this system it follows that when
 in ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~human~~ ^{human} enterprise small or
 great ^{whose purpose is} to supply the wants of man attains
 to an unimagined completeness of prod-
 ucts beyond which seemingly no skill
 ingenuity or research can go it attains
 also a condition which naturally pro-
 duces sluggishness and precedes decay
~~too~~ Under this system it follows too