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POEM ON THE DEATH OF A PET HORSE.

They tell me you are dead, my Prince,
Can it be that the tale is true?
Oh, can it be that never more
I shall ride in state with you?

Piercing sad! The news came late
And my heart was woful hurt,—
Although you were but a horse,
Mighty love in your soul lurked.

Yes, you loved me like to human,
And I responded, oh, so true!
My Prince, I never more shall see
A noble horse to ride like you.

Why did you die, my lovely steed?
Why did you leave me so to mourn?
I never dreamed that you would die
And leave me in this state forlorn.

Your harness hangs on the peg, Prince,
And the barn is silent and still;
The thoughts that hover about it,
Are memories coming at will.

Memories sacred and silent,
Filled with a death-like dread
Of the knowledge that never again
Shall I hear your majestic tread.

Farewell, my gallant steed, farewell,—
The parting is so hard to bear,
I feel that could you know my grief,
Your generous heart would like to share.

My prayer is such a little prayer,
And yet I ask that you may rest
In pastures green, by waters still,
Where all is fair, where God knows best.
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IN WHAT WAY MAY WE WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY IN THE COMING YEAR?

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In every country there are two kinds of laws by which the people are governed—written and unwritten ones; or, in other words, laws that are enacted by legislative power, and those that are

established by the actions or customs of the people. Strictly speaking, the unwritten ones have more to do with the spirituality of a people than the others, because they act more directly, yet unconsciously. They control their actions in almost all their dealings with one another; they act as a check to those who would take undue advantage of their fellow-men, or the reverse; and they affect the nature of the home to such an extent as to make it a place where happiness, peace and love rule supreme, or a place where there is continual strife, a place most unfit for cultivating and developing the qualities: purity, gentleness and love—the eternal objects of Christianity.

The origin of these laws is based upon the desires of the people, and the desires, in turn, from which spring wholesome laws of custom, are brought into existence and are nurtured by the church and its auxiliaries,—the Sabbath School and Young People's Societies of every sect.

If the people are taught culture, they will become cultured. By cultured people is meant those who have the inner self or soul, call it what you may, developed into one grand combination of the graces of the Saviour—working harmoniously, purity, gentleness, meekness, love to all men, always abounding in some kind deed to those upon whom fortune has failed to smile so graciously.

There is a vast difference between true culture and what is generally termed good manners. In fact, they are two different things entirely. One may be very polite and show himself to be in possession of those attributes that society says are necessary to be considered "refined," and yet the nature, the soul, the inner self may be as crude and as vile as the nature of