

# WELCOME AND SCHOOL

Do unto others  
As ye would  
that they  
should  
do unto  
you.

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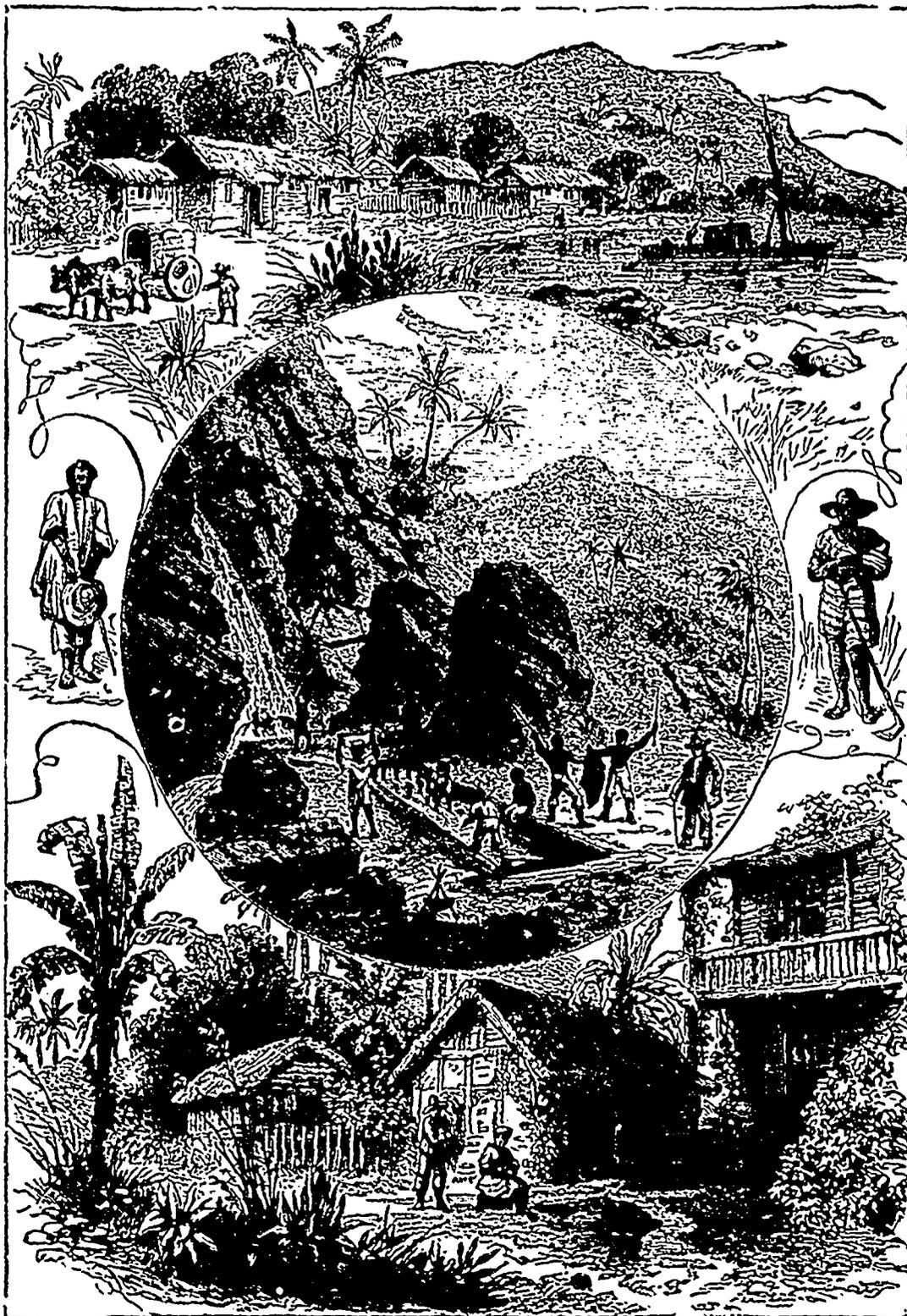
## Brazil.

BRAZIL is one of the largest countries in the world, being 2,600 miles in length by 2,500 in breadth, larger than the whole of Europe.

Yet this great empire is but sparsely peopled, having only about ten millions of inhabitants, including whites and negroes. Its principal characteristics are its vast forests and its immense river system. The Amazon is the largest river in the world, being two hundred miles wide at its mouth. Under the equatorial sun, the fertile soil produces the greatest profusion of fruits, flowers and useful plants. Sugar, coffee, cotton, tobacco, spices, drugs and horns from the cattle on its vast pampas or plains are its chief exports. Its diamond mines are the richest in the world. The central part of the large picture shows the process of washing the diamond-bearing earth for these glittering stones. The lower part shows the rich vegetation of an island plantation, and above is seen one of the primitive villages of the interior, with the rude ox cart in the foreground.

## Free Gifts.

A MINISTER called upon a poor woman, intending to give her help, for he knew that she was very poor. With his half crown in hand, he knocked at the door, but she did not answer. He concluded she was not at home and went his way. A little after he met her at his church and told her he had



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remembered her need. "I called at your house and knocked several times. I suppose you were not at home, for I had no answer." "At what hour did you call, sir?" "It was about noon." "Oh, dear!" she said, "I heard you, sir, and I am so sorry I did not answer; but I thought it was the man calling for the rent."

I am asking nothing of you in the name of God or man. I make no requirement at your hands. I come in God's name to bring you a free gift, which it shall be to your present and eternal joy to receive. The Lord Jesus knocks with a hand that was nailed to the tree for such as you are. He that is a black sinner, he is the kind of man Jesus Christ came to make white.

A great artist had painted part of the city in which he lived, and wanted, for historic purposes, to include in the picture some of the characters well known in the town. A crossing-sweeper unkempt, ragged, filthy, was known to everybody, and there was a suitable place for him in the picture. The artist said to him: "I will pay you well if you will come down to my studio and let me take your likeness." He came round, but he was sent about his business, for he had washed his face and combed his hair and donned a respectable suit of clothes. He was needed as a beggar, and was not invited in any other capacity. Even so the gospel will receive you into its halls if you come as a sinner, but not else.—C. H. Spurgeon.