

# WELCOME AND SCHOOL

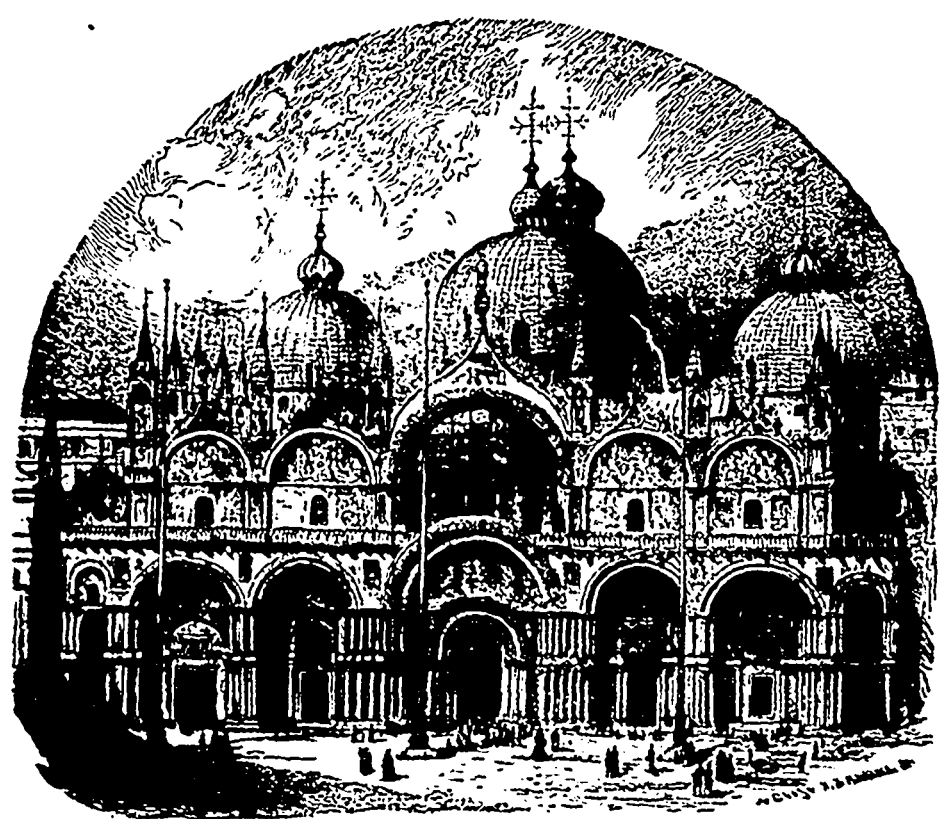
Do unto others  
As Ye Would  
That They  
Should  
Do unto  
You.

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CATHEDRAL OF SAN MARCO, VENICE.

**Venice From a Gondola.**

BY THE EDITOR.

There is a glorious City in the sea.  
The sea is in the broad, the narrow streets,  
Ebbing and flowing; and the salt sea-weed  
Clings to the marble of the palaces.  
No track of men, no footsteps to and fro,  
Lead to her gates. The path lies o'er the sea,

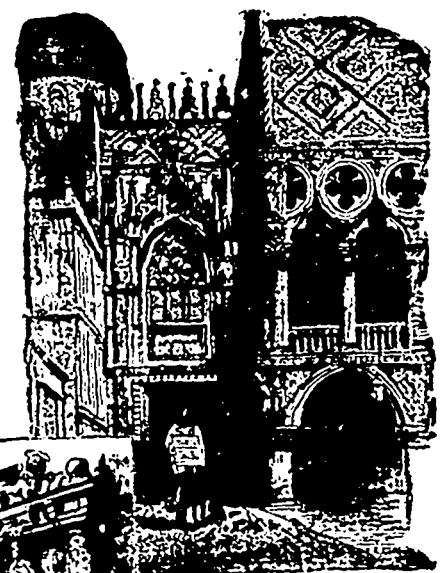
Invisible; and from the land we went,  
As to a floating city—steering in,  
And gliding up her streets as in a dream,  
So smoothly, silently.

—Rogers.

In the fourth century a band of fishermen,  
flying from the ravages of Atilla, the Scourge  
of God, built their homes like waterfowl amid  
the waves. Bold, skilful, adventurous,  
they extended their commerce and conquests  
over the entire Levant; and soon, like an exhalation  
from the deep, rose the fair City of the Sea.  
During the Crusades the city rose to opulence by the  
trade thereby developed. In 1204 she became mistress  
of Constantinople and "held the gorgeous East

in fee." The names of her merchant princes became familiar as household words in the bazaars of Damascus and Ispahan. Her marble palaces were gorgeous with the wealth of Ormuz and of Inde. Her daughters were clothed with the silks of Iran and the shawls of Cashmere. Their boudoirs were fragrant with the perfumes of Arabia Felix, and tuneful with the notes of the bulbul from the gardens of Seniraz; and her walls were glowing with the breathing canvas of Titian and Giorgione.

In her golden prime Venice had forty thousand sailors, and her fleet carried the banner of St. Mark defiantly over every sea. At length the son of her ancient rival,

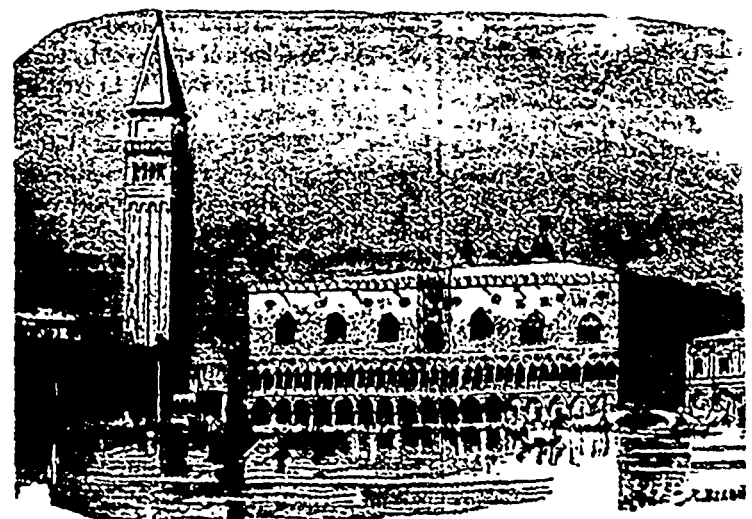


DOGE'S PALACE.



Doge's Tower.

Genoa, discovered a New World beyond the western wave, and snatched forever from Venice the keys of the commerce of the seas. Cadiz, Bristol, London, Amsterdam, became the new centres of trade; and the dis-crowned Queen of the Adriatic saw her glories fade away.



THE CAMPANILE AND DOGE'S PALACE.



SCENE IN VENICE.