



were delighted the teacher was quite annoyed with his presence in her once tidy room. Little Engine realized this, so he ran out of the room before the powers that be had a chance to send him away. He steamed down the steps into the auditorium where he had great fun "aceing" up and down the aisles. His mischievous fun was abruptly interrupted by Mr. Mathias' entrance. The principal explained to the little engine that Withrow wasn't the place for a switch engine. He proposed making an exception to the rule to permit Little Engine to study with the Withrowites. Little Engine appreciated Mr. Mathias' concern but refused his offer and chugged out of W. H. S. He passed the **tower** and rolled over the **bridge**, concluding that the whirl of school life definitely did not agree with him.