'The District School' Entertains
a Large Audience at Congregational Church.

(Special Correspondence.)

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A large and enthusiastic audience filled the auditorium of the Congregational church last Tuesday evening, to witness 'The District School,' presented by an efficient committee of the Ladies Aid society. Visitors from all the neighboring towns were present, and from Lowell, Nashua, Haverhill, Newton and Ayer. As a fitting introduction to the evening's entertainment, the beautiful old poem, "Backward, Turn Backward, O Time, in Thy Flight," was read in a pleasing manner by Miss Sadie Hobbs. The schoolmistress, Mrs. Sherman Hobbs, then rang the school bell, and in trooped 20 scholars, carrying the usual school paraphernalia of books, dinner pails and apples. The costumes were worth seeing, some of them old-fashioned and all quaint and effective. It was the last day of school and an amazing program of songs and recitations was presented. One little boy, Pearly Penrod, was late and as the poor, overworked teacher was settling his case the committee-men appeared. Their presence and speeches were truly inspiring. It was a most unruly and disorderly school, but some good work was done. The most appreciated "bits" included a song, "School Days," by the primer class, composed of Mrs. F. H. Hillman, Mrs. M. A. Gage and Ernest Sherburne. The applause was deafening and the class was obliged to "do it again." D. P. Atwood's recitation was also encored. Much by-play was indulged in that added to the hilarity of the occasion. There were songs by Mrs. F. A. Greesey, Mrs. Hyde, Ernest Sherburne and the whole school; and recitations by Chas. Seavey, C. W. Hobbs, D. P. Atwood, Howard Chace, D. G. B. Burns, Henry Currier, Mrs. Greesey, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Carleton, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. D. P. Atwood, Misses Edith N. Spear, Jennie Stickney and Mary E. Hobbs. Mrs. F. H. Hillman read an amusing composition on "Piles." The committee-men admonished and advised the school in true committee style, and were liberally applauded.

The parts were all well taken, and the entertainment was a success in every way.

The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. George P. Wood, Mrs. Henry M. Currier, Mrs. F. M. Woodberry and Mrs. F. A. Greesey.

The cast was as follows: Mrs. Sherman Hobbs, schoolmistress; boys, Daniel G. B. Burns, Henry M. Currier, D. P. Atwood, Chas. L. Seavey, Geo. P. Wood, Henry T. Wood, Amos E. Wood, Ernest Sherburne, Howard Chace and Richard Currier; girls, Mrs. F. H. Hillman, Mrs. Bertha Greesey, Mrs. D. P. Atwood, Mrs. Clarence Wyman, Mrs. Samuel Kelley, Mrs. Estelle F. Hyde, Mrs. Cora Carleton, Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Mary E. Hobbs, Miss Jennie Stickney and Miss Edith N. Spear; school committee, Winthrop Hobbs, Daniel M. Webster and Geo. H. Currier.