

As You Were Saying...

A Penny for the Church. During the collection in church a few Sundays ago, a little two-year-old boy was overlooked when the plate was passed. The music had stopped and the ushers had returned to their seats before one of them noticed the youngster frantically waving his lonely penny.

With great dignity, the man walked to the front of the church, retrieved the collection plate, and brought it back to the boy so he could make his contribution.

How good it was to see a sophisticated adult with keen understanding of a child's problem.—Mrs. R. E. Burkholder, Costa Mesa, Calif.



Her Heart Wasn't Paralyzed. Our little girl was stricken with polio when she was just a child, and after 11 years she's still getting therapy. During her years of convalescence we tried to teach her that the handicap could be a means of making her a better person. Here's why we think we've succeeded.

One noon, on her way to the lunch counter near school, she came to a curb where a first-grader was looking anxiously at a swift stream of water caused by a sudden shower. Without hesitation, Gloria handed one of her crutches to the little tyke and said, "Vault across, honey, and hand it back to me. Then we can both get our lunch before the gang gets there."—Mrs. C. Paul Foster, Weiser, Ida.

Reading, 'Riting, and Respect. While teaching in a rural school, I became worried about the pupils' constant unkind remarks to one another. One morning I brought it to a halt.

"Each of you start thinking of something you like about the others," I told them, "because I'm going to ask you to stand up and say it out loud."

After a few moments, the hands began waving, and I got such responses as, "I like Mary because she's clean," or "I like John because he lets the little kids play ball, too."

It was the start of a new and happier era in our classroom.—Mrs. Nettie Sheley, Woodburn, Ore.



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