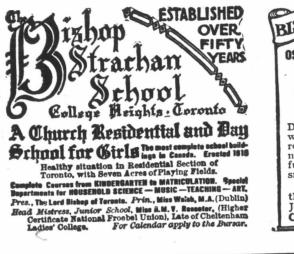
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Hunton, a village in the hop-fields of Kent, England, there is a sum of money set aside each vear from a substantial bequest for the purpose of paying poor people who are the most punctual and regular in their attendance on Sunday at the church, says an English paper.

The income of the money thus left comes from consols, and it goes to the six people who have attended church most regularly from one Christmas to another. A year or two back the sum thus distributed was thirty pounds, which averaged a fivepound rote each for the six lucky old folk who won it.

Then, at Holsworthy, in Devon, the old parson, Thomas Meyrick, when, he left his famous bequest to be given each year to the girl of the parish whom duly appointed authorities should consider the prettiest, made it a condition that she must not have missed attending the church services on Sunday for a whole year. There are always several competitors for this much-valued money-gift, which one can hardly wonder at when one learns that before to-day the fortunate girl selected for her beauty on the one hand, and for her regular church attendance on the other, has been the recipient of as much as twenty-five pounds from the Meyrick bequest. Probably that is the largest sum in actual cash given for churchgoing in England to one member of any congregation.

Then there is a Baptist church in Hampshire-the writer has been asked not to indicate its exact locationwhich surely is unique. There was left to it no less a sum than £10,000, the annual interest from whichusually between £250 and £300-was to be divided between the minister and the poor folk who attend most regularly as members on Sundays throughout the year. As the pastor receives about a fifth of this sum, it means that there is always at least £200 available each year for distribution amongst the congregation entitled to it by their regular attendance.

The Church of St. Mary Aldermary, Queen Victoria Street, London, has a service every St. Mark's Day (April 25th) at which the children from the national schools attend, according to the will of a Mr. Hutchinson, when they must listen to



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