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Curious Rewards For Faithful Church Attendance

AT Hunton, a village in the hop-fields of Kent, England, there is a sum of money set aside each year 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 five-pound 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 church-going 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 location—which surely is unique. There was left to it no less a sum than £10,000, the annual interest from which—usually 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 a sermon on the "Liturgy of the English Church." To each child then present is given sixpence for coming, as provided in the bequest, together with a bun as refreshment.

THE CALL.

Women of Canada, arise,
 Quit you like men, be strong;
 Your path, alas! no longer lies
 'Mid symphony and song.

Alas! the dear, old days are dead,
 And they were passing sweet,
 Like violets the children tread
 Beneath their little feet.

Women, no longer stand and wait;
 'Tis time to serve and do;
 The foe is knocking at your gate;
 Your country's calling you.

And is it nought to you, and you,
 All ye that pass unheeding,
 And trail your skirts of brilliant hue
 While Britain lies a-bleeding?

Oh, woman, don't you hear the call?
 Come out from your retreat;
 There's work to do for one and all—
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