**AUGUST HYMN AUTHOR BIO’S:**

**HOLMES, OLIVER WENDELL** (1809-1894) Son of Con­gre­ga­tion­al min­is­ter Abi­el Holmes,

Oliver taught an­a­to­my and phys­i­ol­o­gy at Har­vard Med­i­cal School, where he even­tu­al­ly be­came

dean. How­ev­er, he is per­haps best rem­em­bered as an au­thor, and as fa­ther of Amer­i­can Su­preme

Court Jus­tice Ol­i­ver Wen­dell Holmes, Jr. In ad­di­tion, with [James Low­ell](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/bio/l/o/w/lowell_jr.htm), he helped found The

At­lan­tic Month­ly mag­a­zine in 1857.

**PRUDENTIUS, AURELIUS CLEMENS** (348-413) Prudentius (whose name is some­times

shown with a pre­fix of Marcus), was ev­i­dent­ly born in­to the up­per class. Af­ter work­ing as a law­

yer, he served a judge. At age 57, he re­tired and be­gan to write sac­red po­et­ry.

**NEALE, JOHN MASON** (1818-1866) We know Neale to­day as a hymn­o­graph­er, the trans­lat­or

or adapt­er of an­cient and med­ie­val hymns. It is by the hymns below and sim­i­lar hymns that most of us know Neale, if we know him at all. But Neale’s achieve­ments in other ar­eas as well de­serve our re­cog­ni­tion. Neale held that the hymns of [Isaac Watts](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/bio/w/a/t/watts_i.htm) and other pop­u­lar com­pos­ers im­part­ed er­ron­e­ous doc­trine, as well as of­fend­ing against taste. So in 1842, for ex­am­ple, Neale pro­duced Hymns for Child­ren. How­e­ver, aside from his car­ol [Good King Wen­ces­las](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/g/o/o/goodking.htm), it is not Neale’s orig­in­al com­po­si­tions that are most wide­ly rec­og­nized, but his trans­la­tions and adap­ta­tions of an­cient and med­ie­val works, which he worked on through­out his life. The var­i­ous edi­tions of the an­no­tat­ed hymn­al he and his as­so­ci­ates pre­pared—the Hymn­al Noted—and his hymns of the Or­tho­dox church­es have con­trib­ut­ed hymns such as those list­ed above. It is es­tim­at­ed Neale and his col­lab­o­rat­ors pro­duced over 400 hymns, se­quences and car­ols.

**BAKER, HENRY W.** (1821-1877) Baker was the son of Vice Ad­mir­al Hen­ry Lo­raine Bak­er. He at­tend­ed Trin­i­ty Coll­ege at Cam­bridge, was or­dained in 1844, and be­came as­sist­ant cur­ate at Great Hock­es­ley, near Col­ches­ter, Es­sex. In 1851, he be­came Vic­ar of Monk­land Pri­ory Church in Here­ford­shire, Eng­land, where he served most of his life. Up­on his fa­ther’s death in 1859, Bak­er as­sumed the fam­i­ly bar­o­net­cy. From 1860 to 1877, he was ed­it­or-in-chief of the An­gl­ican Hymns An­cient and Mo­dern, and con­tri­but­ed hymns, tunes, and trans­la­tions. This his­tor­ic hym­nal sold 60 mil­lion co­pies.

**NEANDER, JOACHIM** (1650-1680) From 1674-1679, Ne­an­der was prin­ci­pal of the Re­formed La­tein­schule (gram­mar school) in Düs­sel­dorf. Dur­ing these years, he used to wan­der the se­clud­ed Düs­sel Riv­er val­ley, which was, un­til the 19th Cen­tu­ry, a deep ra­vine be­tween rock fac­es and for­ests, with num­er­ous caves, grot­tos and wa­ter­falls. Prob­ab­ly, Ne­an­der wrote and sang ma­ny of his po­ems there, but al­so held ga­ther­ings and ser­vices. In the ear­ly 19th Cen­tu­ry, a large cave was named Ne­an­der­höhle af­ter him. In the mid-19th Cen­tu­ry, the ce­ment in­dus­try start­ed to quar­ry the lime­stone, and the nar­row ra­vine be­came a wide val­ley, which was now named the Ne­an­der Val­ley (in Ger­man, Ne­an­der­thal). The Ne­an­der­thal Man was found there in the sum­mer of 1856, giv­ing Jo­a­chim the dis­tinct­ion of be­ing the on­ly hym­nist with a fos­sil hom­i­nid named af­ter him!

**WINKWORTH, CATHERINE** (1827-1878) Winkworth spent most of her life in Man­chest­er, Eng­land. The not­a­ble ex­cept­ion was the year she spent in Dres­den, Ger­ma­ny. Around 1854, she pub­lished Lyra Ger­man­i­ca, con­tain­ing nu­mer­ous Ger­man hymns trans­lat­ed in­to Eng­lish. She went on to pub­lish ano­ther ser­ies of Ger­man hymns in 1858. In 1863, she came out with The Chor­ale Book for Eng­land, and in 1869, Christ­ian Sing­ers of Ger­ma­ny. More than any other sin­gle person, she helped bring the Ger­man chor­ale tra­di­tion to the Eng­lish speak­ing world.

**CARPENTER, WILLIAM BOYD** (1841-1918) Educated at St. Catherine’s Coll­ege, Cam­bridge (BA 1864), Car­pen­ter was or­dained by Arch­bi­shop Long­ley. He cul­ti­vat­ed roy­al­ty, be­com­ing chap­lain to Queen Vic­tor­ia and Clerk to the Clo­set of Ed­ward VII and George V. He served as Bi­shop of Ri­pon from 1884 -1911. Among other things, he ran his own Cler­gy School where he gave tu­i­tion in preach­ing; among his pu­pils was [Stud­dert-Ken­ne­dy](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/bio/s/t/u/studdert-kennedy_ga.htm). Car­pen­ter ad­vo­cat­ed a na­tion­al sys­tem for old age pen­sions long be­fore it be­came prac­ti­cal pol­i­tics, and found­ed the Vic­tor­ia Fund to pro­vide pen­sions for the cler­gy.

**LATHBURY, MARY ARTEMISIA** (1841-1913) Daughter of a Meth­od­ist min­is­ter, Lath­bu­ry stu­died art in Wor­ces­ter, Mass­a­chu­setts, and taught art and French at the New­bu­ry Acad­e­my, Ve­rmont, and in New York. She con­trib­ut­ed piec­es to St. Ni­cho­las, Har­per’s Young Peo­ple, and Wide Awake. She was as­so­ci­at­ed with the Chau­tau­qua Move­ment near Chau­tau­qua, New York, and was known as the po­et laur­e­ate of Chau­tau­qua.

**DODDRIDGE, PHILIP** (1702-1751) Youngest of 20 child­ren, Dod­dridge at­tend­ed Kings­ton Gram­mar School at St. Al­bans, and a non­con­form­ist acad­e­my in Kib­worth, Lei­ces­ter­shire, Eng­land. He went on to be­come one of the dis­sent­ing cler­gy. He was pas­tor of an in­de­pend­ent con­gre­ga­tion and tu­tor of a sem­in­ary for dis­sent­ing min­is­ters at North­amp­ton from 1739 un­til his death.

**WESLEY, CHARLES** (1707-1788) Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymns; as with most hymn­ists,

hisworks were fre­quent­ly al­tered. In the pre­face to the 1779 Col­lection of Hymns for the Use of

the Peo­ple called Meth­od­ists, his bro­ther [John](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/bio/w/e/s/wesley_j.htm) wrote:

**I beg leave to men­tion a thought which has been long up­on my mind, and which I should**

**long ago have in­sert­ed in the pub­lic pa­pers, had I not been un­will­ing to stir up a nest of**

**horn­ets. Ma­ny gen­tle­men have done my bro­ther and me (though with­out nam­ing us) the**

**hon­our to re­print ma­ny of our hymns. Now they are per­fect­ly wel­come to do so, pro­vid­ed**

**they print them just as they are. But I de­sire they would not at­tempt to mend them, for**

**they are real­ly not able. None of them is able to mend ei­ther the sense or the verse.**

**There­fore, I must beg of them these two fa­vours: ei­ther to let them stand just as they are,**

**to take things for bet­ter or worse, or to add the true read­ing in the mar­gin, or at the**

**bottom of the page, that we may no long­er be ac­count­a­ble ei­ther for the non­sense or for**

**the dog­ger­el of other men.**

In ad­di­tion to hymn writ­ing, Charles & John found­ed the move­ment which be­came the

Meth­od­ist de­nom­in­a­tion.

**CAWOOD, JOHN** (1775-1852) Born to poor par­ents, Ca­wood had lit­tle for­mal ed­u­ca­tion as a child, but at age 18 he was en­gaged in the ser­vice of Rev. Mr. Cur­sham, Sut­ton-in-Ash­field, Not­ting­ham­shire. In 1797, af­ter three years of stu­dy un­der Cur­sham’s di­rect­ion, Ca­wood en­tered St. Ed­mund Hall at Ox­ford. He grad­u­at­ed in 1801, took Ho­ly Or­ders, and be­came suc­cess­ive­ly Cur­ate of Ribs­ford and Dowles, and In­cum­bent of St. Ann’s Cha­pel of Ease, Bewd­ley, Wor­ces­ter­shire. Nine of his 17 hymns ap­peared in [Cot­ter­ill](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/bio/c/o/t/cotterill_t.htm)’s Se­lect­ion, 8th edi­tion, 1819. Three others ap­peared in Lyra Bri­tan­ni­ca, 1867.

**HOW, WILLIAM WALSHAM** (1823-1897) Son of a so­li­ci­tor, How at­tend­ed Wad­ham Coll­ege, Ox­ford. In 1846, he was or­dained an Ang­li­can min­is­ter. He served as Cur­ate at Kid­der­mins­ter, then at Shrews­bu­ry. He then be­came Rec­tor at Whit­ting­ton, Shrop­shire, near the Welsh bor­der. In 1879, he be­came suf­fra­gen Bi­shop of Lon­don. In 1889, he was ap­point­ed Bi­shop of Wake­field, West York­shire. He was known for his work with the poor and with in­dus­tri­al work­ers. He al­so found time to write over 50 hymns, most of them dur­ing his stay in Whit­ting­ton.

**NORTH, FRANK MASON** (1850-1935) North received de­grees from Wes­ley­an Un­i­ver­si­ty, and was or­dained a Meth­od­ist Epis­co­pal min­is­ter in 1872. He pas­tored in Flor­i­da, New York Ci­ty and Mid­dle­town, Con­nec­ti­cut, for two dec­ades. He then ed­it­ed The Christ­ian Ci­ty, and served as Sec­re­tary of the Church Ex­ten­sion and Mis­sion­ary So­ci­e­ty of New York Ci­ty, and Cor­res­pond­ing Sec­re­tary of the Board of For­eign Mis­sions of the Meth­od­ist Epis­co­pal Church. From 1916-1920, he was pres­i­dent of the Fed­er­al Coun­cil of Church­es of Christ in Amer­i­ca. He wrote about a do­zen hymns.

**WARE, HENRY, JR** (1794-1843) Son of a Un­i­tar­i­an min­is­ter, Ware at­tend­ed Har­vard and be­came an as­sist­ant teach­er at Ex­e­ter Acad­e­my in New Hamp­shire. In 1815, the Bos­ton Un­i­tar­i­an As­so­ci­a­tion li­censed him to preach, and in 1817, he was or­dained and be­came pas­tor of the Se­cond Church in Bos­ton, Mass­a­chu­setts. He was Pro­fess­or of Pul­pit El­o­quence and Pas­tor­al Care at the Har­vard Div­in­i­ty School, 1829-1842. He al­so ed­it­ed the Christ­ian Di­sci­ple (lat­er re­named the Christ­ian Ex­amin­er), and ran the So­ci­e­ty for Re­li­gious Im­prove­ment at Har­vard Un­i­ver­si­ty (his fa­ther was on the fa­cul­ty there, as well). A two vol­ume Mem­oir and a four vol­ume Works were pub­lished three years af­ter his death.

**FAWCETT, JOHN** (1740-1817) Fawcett was con­vert­ed at age 16 un­der the min­is­try of George White­field. He at first joined the Meth­od­ists, but three years lat­er be­gan at­tend­ing the Bap­tist Church in Brad­ford, Eng­land. Hav­ing be­gun to preach, he was or­dained a Bap­tist min­is­ter at Wains­gate, York­shire.

**STONE, SAMUEL JOHN** (1839-1900) Dwight was a man for all sea­sons: an or­dained Con­gre­ga­tion­al min­is­ter, grand­son of preach­er Jon­a­than Ed­wards, per­son­al friend of Amer­i­can Pres­i­dent George Wash­ing­ton, and Ar­my chap­lain. He be­gan read­ing the Bi­ble at age four, and se­cret­ly learned La­tin de­spite his fa­ther’s pro­hi­bi­tion. In 1785, he pub­lished the 11-vol­ume Con­quest of Ca­naan. In 1787, he rec­eived a Doc­tor of Di­vin­i­ty de­gree from Prince­ton Un­i­ver­si­ty. In 1795, he be­came pres­i­dent of Yale Un­i­ver­si­ty (where, like his grand­fa­ther Jon­a­than Ed­wards, he ma­tric­u­lat­ed at age 13). He helped found the An­do­ver The­o­lo­gic­al Sem­in­ary—the first sem­in­ary in New En­gland—in 1809. Dwight died of canc­er af­ter serv­ing as pres­i­dent of Yale Un­i­ver­si­ty for 22 years.

**DWIGHT, TIMOTHY** (1752-1817) Stone was ed­u­cat­ed at the Char­ter­house, and at Pem­broke Coll­ege, Ox­ford (BA 1862, MA 1872). Af­ter tak­ing Ho­ly Or­ders, he be­came Cur­ate of Wind­sor in 1862, and of St. Paul’s, Hag­gers­ton, 1870. In 1874, he suc­ceed­ed his fa­ther, Wil­liam Stone, at St. Paul’s.

**GERHARDT, PAUL** (1607-1676) Gerhardt was the son of Christ­ian Ger­hardt, Bur­ger­meist­er

Of Graf­en­hayn­ichen, near Wit­ten­berg. He en­rolled at the Un­i­ver­si­ty of Wit­ten­berg in 1628. In

1655, he mar­ried Anna Maria Ber­thold. He ap­pears to have fre­quent­ly preached in Ber­lin in the

1640’s.

In 1651, Gerhardt was ap­point­ed, at the rec­om­mend­a­tion of the Ber­lin cler­gy, Lu­ther­an Probst (chief pas­tor) at Mit­ten­walde, near Berlin. In 1657, Gerhardt re­turned to Ber­lin as third dia­con­us of St. Ni­cho­las’ church. How­ev­er, Gerhardt be­came in­volved in the con­test be­tween Elect­or Fried­rich Wil­helm (who was of the Re­formed Church) and the Lu­ther­an cler­gy of Ber­lin; Ger­hard was de­posed from his of­fice in Feb­ru­ary 1666, though he still re­mained in Ber­lin. In No­vem­ber 1668, he ac­cept­ed the post of arch­i­di­a­co­nus at Lüb­ben an der Spree, was in­stalled in June, 1669, and re­mained there till his death. The mot­to on his port­rait at Lüb­ben read The­o­lo­gus in crib­ro Sa­tan­ae ver­sa­tus (a the­o­lo­gian sifte­d in a sieve).

**HART, JOSEPH** (1712-1768) Hart re­sist­ed Christ­i­an­i­ty while young, writ­ing the pamp­hlet The Un­rea­son­a­ble­ness of Re­li­gion, Be­ing Re­marks and An­im­ad­ver­sions on the Rev. [*John Wes­ley*](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/bio/w/e/s/wesley_j.htm)’s Ser­mon on Ro­mans 8:32. How­ev­er, Hart came to Christ in 1757, be­com­ing an e­norm­ous­ly pop­u­lar preach­er and hymn writ­er. Tens of thou­sands at­tend­ed his fun­er­al.

**CHISHOLM, THOMAS OBADIAH** (1866-1960) Chisholm was ed­u­cat­ed in a small count­ry school, and be­came its teach­er at age 16. At age 21, he be­came as­so­ci­ate ed­it­or of the week­ly news­pa­per, The Frank­lin Fav­or­ite. In 1893, he be­came a Christ­ian un­der the min­is­try of Dr. Hen­ry Clay Mor­rison. Chis­holm moved to Lou­is­ville at the per­sua­sion of Mor­ris­on and be­came ed­it­or of the Pen­te­cos­tal Her­ald. He was or­dained a Meth­od­ist min­is­ter in 1903 and served a brief pas­tor­ate at Scotts­ville, Ken­tucky. In poor health, he moved his fam­i­ly to a farm near Wi­nona Lake, In­di­a­na. He be­came an in­sur­ance sales­man, moving to Vine­land, New Jer­sey, in 1916. He re­tired in 1953 to the Meth­od­ist Home for the Aged in Ocean Grove, New Jer­sey. Chis­holm wrote over 1200 po­ems, of which 800 were pub­lished, and ma­ny set to mu­sic.

**HEWITT, ELIZA EDMUNDS** (1851-1920) After grad­u­a­tion from school, Eli­za be­gan

teach­ing. How­ev­er, her ca­reer was cut short by a ser­i­ous spin­al prob­lem. She par­tial­ly

re­cov­ered, but was an in­val­id most of her life. She then turned to hymn writ­ing, which ran in the

fam­i­ly—her cou­sin was hymn­ist [Ed­gar Stites](http://www.hymntime.com/tch/bio/s/t/i/stites_ep.htm).

Eliza lived all her life in in Phil­a­del­phia, where she was Sun­day School sup­er­in­tend­ent at the

North­ern Home for Friend­less Child­ren, and lat­er at the Cal­vin Pres­by­ter­i­an Church. She was al­

so a reg­u­lar con­trib­u­tor to Sun­day-school Helps.

**STEPHEN THE SEBAITE** - **Saint Stephen the Sabaite** (725–796) was a [Christian monk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_monk) from [Julis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julis), a district of [Gaza](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza). He was a nephew of [John of Damascus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_of_Damascus) and spent a half-century in the [monastery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monastery) of [Mar Saba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mar_Saba).

Towards the end of his life, Stephen, then living in [Palestine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palestine), reported that various cities, [Gaza](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza) among them, were laid waste to and depopulated by the [Saracens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saracens) (another name for the Muslim [Caliphate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate) under the rule of the [Umayyad](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umayyad) and [Abbasid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abbasid) dynasties, referenced in Acta martyrum Sabaitarum, AASS Mart. III, p. 167). On this occasion many monks of St. Sabas met their deaths.

The events of the time are recorded in the writings of [Leontius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leontius) in his book *The Life of St. Stephen the Sabaite*.

**BAXTER, RICHARD** (1615-1691) Baxter was ed­u­cat­ed at Wro­ex­ter School, and for a time held the Mas­tership of the Dudley Grammar School. On taking Ho­ly Orders, he be­came curate of Kidderminster in 1640. Subsequently, he was for some time chaplain to one of Cromwell’s regiments. Through weak­ness he had to take an en­forced rest, dur­ing which he wrote his Saints’ Ev­er­last­ing Rest. On re­gain­ing his health, he re­turned to Kid­der­min­ster, where he stayed un­til 1660, when he moved to Lo­ndon. At the Res­tor­a­tion, he be­came chap­lain to King Charles II, and was of­fered the bi­shop­ric of Her­e­ford, which he de­clined. On the pass­ing of the Act of Un­i­form­i­ty, he re­tired from ac­tive du­ty as an Ang­li­can min­is­ter. Around 1673, he ob­tained a li­cense as a Non-con­form­ist min­is­ter and be­gan lec­tur­ing in Lon­don.

**HATCH, EDWIN** (1835-1889) Hatch at­tend­ed Cam­bridge and Pem­broke Coll­ege, Ox­ford (BA in hon­ors, 1857). He was or­dained an Ang­li­can priest in 1859, then went to To­ron­to, Can­a­da, where he be­came a pro­fess­or of class­ics at Trin­i­ty Coll­ege. He lat­er be­came rec­tor of a high school in Qué­bec. He re­turned to Eng­land in 1867, serv­ing as Vice-Prin­ci­pal of St. Ma­ry’s Hall, Ox­ford. In 1883, he be­came rec­tor at Pur­leigh. A well known schol­ar, he wrote a con­cor­dance to the Sep­tu­a­gint, es­says on Bib­li­cal Greek, gave Bamp­ton Lec­tures in 1880, and Hib­bert Lec­tures in 1888.

**CENNICK, JOHN** (1718-1755) Cennick had thought of be­com­ing a sur­vey­or, but af­ter meet­ing the Wes­leys, he joined them in their work. In 1740, he be­came a teach­er at Kings­wood, Eng­land, on the re­com­mend­a­tion of John Wes­ley. Lat­er, he joined the Mo­rav­i­ans, and vis­it­ed their head­quar­ters at Herrn­hut, but he spent much of his time as an itin­er­ant evan­gel­ist in Eng­land.

**MOORE, THOMAS** (1779-1852) Son of John Moore, a small Dub­lin trades­man, Thomas was ed­u­cat­ed at a pri­vate school and at Trin­i­ty Coll­ege in Dub­lin. He read at Mid­dle Tem­ple for the bar, and held a post with the Ber­mu­da gov­ern­ment for a short time. He was a well known po­et and Ir­ish na­tion­al­ist.

**HASTINGS, THOMAS** (1784-1872) Son of a doc­tor, Hast­ings grew up as a farm boy, walk­ing

six miles to school in the win­ter. He be­gan his ca­reer as a mu­sic teach­er. In 1823, he be­came

ed­it­or of the *Re­cord­er* in Ut­i­ca, New York. From 1832 un­til his death, Hast­ings trained choirs

and de­vel­oped re­li­gious mu­sic. He penned al­most 1,000 hymn tunes and 600 texts. His son, who

be­came pres­i­dent of Un­ion The­o­lo­gic­al Sem­in­ary, said of him:

**He was a de­vout and ear­nest Christ­ian, a hard stu­dent, and res­o­lute work­er, not lay­ing aside his pen un­til three days be­fore his death.**

**FEATHERSTON, WILLIAM RALPH** (1846-1873) Little is known of Fea­ther­ston, ex­cept that he be­longed to the Wes­ley­an Meth­od­ist Church in Mont­re­al (lat­er re­named St. James Meth­od­ist Church, then St. James Unit­ed Church). He was born and died in Quebec, Canada.