

IN 1756 , AN EVANGELISTIC MEETING WAS HELD IN A BARN AT THE LITTLE VILLAGE OF CODYMAIN, IRELAND.

THE ONLY TANGIBLE RESULT OF THAT MEETING WAS THE CONVERSION OF A BOY 16 YEARS OF AGE.

REGARDING-MEETINGS SOME SAY, "WE DID'NT HAVE MUCH OF A MEETING. JUST BAPTIZED AFEW BOYS AND GIRLS.

1-THAT AWKWARD BOY WAS "AUGUSTUS MONTAGUE TOPLADY" WHO BECAME THE AUTHOR OF
"ROCK OF AGES"

HE WAS BORN IN, FARNHAM, ENGLAND, N^v. 4th.1740.
HE DIED IN, LONDON, ENGLAND, AT THE AGE OF 38.

ROCK OF AGES, WAS WRITTEN IN THE YEAR 1776, the YEAR IN WHICH AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE WAS DECLARED.

2-TOPLADY-WAS ONE DAY OVER*TAKEN BY A TERRIFIC THUNDERSTORM, FROM WHICH EH SOUGHT REFUGE IN A CLEFT, BETWEEN TWO MASSIVE PIERS OF LIMESTONE ROCK. WHILE THE THUNDER ROARED AND THE LIGHTING FLASHED IN THE SKY, THE IDEA FOR THIS SONG CAME TO HIS MIND, AND A MORE BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF A HUMAN SOUL, SEEKING REFUGE AMID THE STORMS OF LIFE IN THE GREAT HEART OF CHRIST has NEVER BEEN PAINTED IN SONG.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME, AN ENGLISH PUBLICATION, invited THEIR READERS TO SEND A LIST OF ENGLISH HYMS WHICH STOOD HIGHEST IN THEIR ESTEEM.

3500 RESPONDED, AND 3215 OF THAT NUMBER NAMED, "ROCK OF AGES"FIRST.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT GOD IS CALLED A ROCK 26 times

1-MOSES DECLARES, "HE IS THE ROCK, HIS WORK IS PERFECT.

2-THE PSALMIST WRITES;"THE LORD IS MY ROCK AND FORTRESS; THE GOD OF MY ROCK IN HIM WILL I TRUST.

3-ALSO...BLESSED BE MY ROCK. Matt. 16:18

4-THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT..THE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON THE ROCK

