



DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

JOHN BUECHNER	DECEMBER 20
KISSY HOLSTAD	DECEMBER 23
ED FARRINGTON	DECEMBER 24

“A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE...”

HYMN PROFESSIONS

- Dentist's Hymn———”Crown Him With Many Crowns.”
- Politician's Hymn———”Standing On The Promises.”
 - Paramedic's Hymn———”Revive Us Again.”
- Shoe Repairman's Hymn———”It Is Well With My Soul.”
 - Librarian's Hymn———”Whispering Hope.”
- Umpire's Hymn———”I Need No Other Argument.”
 - Taxpayer's Hymn———”I Surrender All.”
- Golfer's Hymn———”There Is A Green Hill Far Away.”

POOR

SINGING

At the close of the service a visiting preacher remarked to the minister that he thought the singing was terribly poor and asked what the problem was. The home-team minister replied, “Yes, unfortunately the agnostics in our building are dreadful.”

THAT HYMN YOU SING.

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY.

Author, James Montgomery. from: “101 Hymn Stories”, K. W. Osbeck

James Montgomery's parents were Moravian missionaries to the West Indies. While attending a Moravian seminary in England, young James received word of the sudden death of both of his parents on the mission field. James left the seminary suddenly and, for a period, lived a life of aimless discouragement. Soon he became interested in newspaper work

and writing. At the age of twenty-three he was appointed editor of the weekly *Sheffield Register*...As editor of this paper Montgomery championed many different causes, such as the abolition of slavery...Twice he was imprisoned for writing on controversial issues. In 1797 he published a volume of poems called *Prison Amusements*, so named from the fact that many of these works had been written in prison. In 1825 he gave up his paper to devote himself solely to literary and philanthropic pursuits, including the promotion of foreign missions,...he was awarded an annual pension of \$1,000 by the government as a reward for his many contributions to English society.

“Angels From The Realms Of Glory” first appeared as a poem in Montgomery's newspaper on December 24, 1816.”