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SUSANNA, MOTHER OF THE WESLEYS

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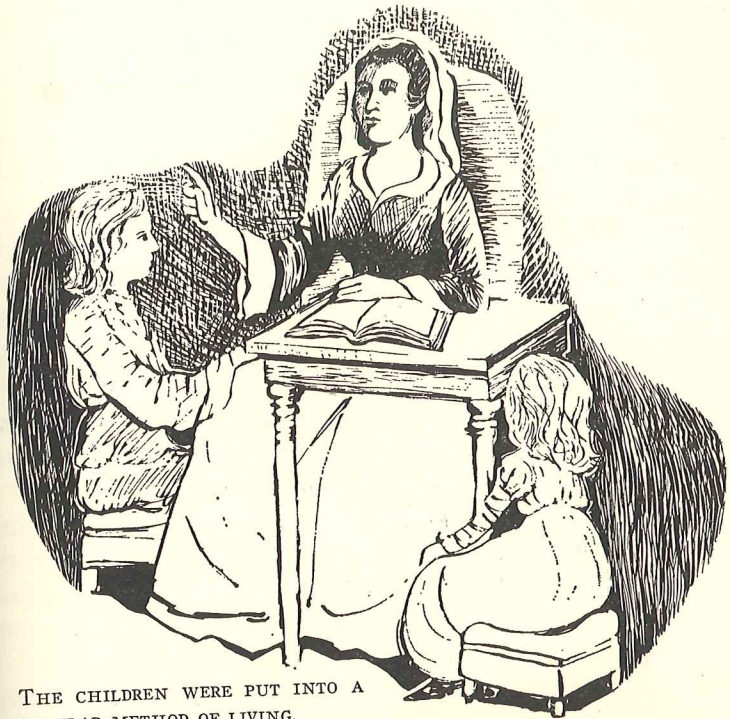
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THE CHILDREN WERE PUT INTO A  
REGULAR METHOD OF LIVING.

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## SUSANNA as MOTHER and TEACHER

In the England of Susanna's day elementary education, where there was any, was often in the hands of a tutor. Sammy was the only one of Mrs. Wesley's children to receive such instruction. He was enrolled at Mr. John Holland's private school in Epworth, but this gentleman was so eccentric and imbibed to such excess that Samuel was removed from his school at the end of a year. Besides, in the destitute Wesley family there



SAMUEL WESLEY . . . WAS CAST  
IN NO COMMONPLACE MOLD.

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### THE ANNESLEYS and the WESLEYS

The unpardonable sin for any storyteller is to digress even slightly from the unrolling of his tale. But it is also true that most readers unconsciously place the characters on the page before them in a contemporary setting and thus receive a distorted image.

The period of 1669 to 1742 was a long time ago, and to form a true picture of Susanna Wesley it is necessary to view her against the background of her ancestry and the time in