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IN submitting the following remarks on a systematic method of training the rising generation, whereby they may be both useful and happy, I deem it right to state that a large portion appeared in the "Catechumen Reporter," not indulging the most remote idea that what was there published would excite that extensive interest which it appears to have produced, much less that it would be called for in a detached form. In compliance with the earnest and pressing solicitations of several warm-hearted and zealous Sunday-school teachers, I have determined, on my own responsibility, to meet their wishes, and endeavoured to do it with the greatest simplicity, presenting to their notice a sketch of A Plan for the Formation of a Juvenile Mis-

*missionary Society*, so that children may be trained in the most easy way for permanent usefulness, and gradually imbibe a true missionary spirit, rendering them ultimately efficient, in carrying on this important sphere of labour. I mention this to show that my great and paramount object has been to awaken attention and call forth immediate co-operation; should this be realized in any measure exceeding that which is now actually manifest, it will excite my gratitude to Almighty God, that I have not laboured in vain, or spent my strength for nought.

J. B.

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\*.\* The profits arising from the sale of this work are intended to be given to the Wesleyan Missionary Society consequently an extended circulation will, by the blessing of God, not only stimulate to activity, but yield some small increase to the funds of the Parent Institution.



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CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH LED TO THE FOR-  
MATION OF THE WESLEYAN JUVENILE  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE first movement was in the year 1812. I was then a teacher in a sabbath school at Wandsworth, Surrey. At the May Meetings, the Rev. Matthew Wilks preached a Missionary Sermon in Surrey Chapel, London, from Jer. vii. 18, "The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger."

He proposed from these words—

1. To contrast the different objects of attention—the pretended queen of heaven (the moon), and the glorious Jehovah, the only living and true God, the gracious Redeemer of sinful man and the immortal souls of our fellow-creatures.