

Cottage Lectures.

"The Holy Scriptures are read and explained in Hambleden School-room, Tuesdays, eleven o'clock; Skirmett, at Samuel White's, Fridays, one o'clock; Moor Common, at John Brown's, Wednesdays, two o'clock; (excepting the last Wednesday in every month, when the reading will be at Thomas East's, Little Frieth, instead of Moor Common;) and Rockwell End, at William Higgs's, every Wednesday fortnight, at a quarter past twelve o'clock; and at John Burgess', Ewden, the second Tuesday in every month, at two o'clock. Any person who pleases may attend."

The foregoing notice forms the most important feature in the hand bill. It seems to be an engine of great utility, and has been now for so many years in constant exercise as to bear the recommendation, not of experiment, but of experience. When the Ministers of the Established Church, look minutely into the state of their flocks, they cannot but feel considerable pain at the consciousness of the responsibility that exists, of giving individual spiritual food to all their sheep. Time and strength can never be found for rendering domiciliary visits of any great use in explaining Scripture, (at all events to a large number,) and the pulpit will not allow of that familiar exposition which necessarily must be used to convey correct ideas to an uneducated mind. No one but those accustomed to question the poor, or to be questioned by them, can form an idea of what, by way of explanation, they require. It is not only line upon line, and precept upon precept they need, but it is almost word by word, and letter by letter. Nor must it pass our observation, that the most valuable part of our flocks (because to them is committed the teaching of the infant mind) are often for a great portion of their lives, excluded from the public service of our Church.

A young wife, to whom we naturally look as the instructress of her children, finds herself soon encumbered with a family; she cannot bring them to Church, (for the infant will seldom allow her or the congregation to attend.) And the consequence is, that for 10 or 12 years, we frequently miss mothers altogether from Church service. They come when their infants are