

## *Confirmation.*

EXTRACT FROM HAND BILL, NOVEMBER 11, 1826.

“On the 5th of September, 1826, 137 persons of Hambleden, were confirmed, at Henley. Such of these, or any others, who wish to be further instructed concerning the Holy Communion, are invited to attend at the School-Room, Hambleden, at five o'clock, the evenings of the Sundays on which notice have been given at Church, of the celebration of the Communion on the following Sabbath.”

The solemn rite of Confirmation will never be slightly passed over, or formally introduced by any Minister of the Gospel, who has the eternal welfare of his flock at heart. But it requires considerable judgment to arrange, that all things connected with it should be done decently and in order. The huddling together a number of young persons, either in waggons or on foot, the introducing them to public houses, the leaving them to the care of the Church-warden (be he ever so kind and attentive) or school-master, are calculated to weaken, if not to efface, the solemn impression of the vow about to be made by the candidates for Confirmation. As soon as notice is received of Confirmation, and permission has been obtained from the Right Rev. the Bishop of Oxford, (in whose Diocese Hambleden is not, but who has ever been kind enough to allow its inhabitants to present themselves at Henley, their own Bishop, the Bishop of Lincoln, having seldom confirmed within accessible distance,) public notice is given in Church, and those desirous of offering themselves on the approaching occasion, are invited to attend at the School-Room, on the five following Sunday evenings, immediately after afternoon church, if so many intervene between the day of notice and that of Confirmation. The candidates are divided into classes, according to their knowledge, and are instructed for an hour, or longer, on the particular nature of the Holy Rite. On the last Sunday before Confirmation, the commendatory tickets are given. On the morning of the day appointed by the Bishop, the candidates all meet at the School-