EPHESIANS IV. 11, 12, 13.

And he gave some Apostles, and some Prophets; and some Evangelists, and some Pastors and Teachers;
For the perfecting of the Saints; for the Work of Ministry; for the edifying of the Body of Christ;
Till we all come in the Unity of the Faith, and of the Knowledge of the Son of God; unto a perfect Man, unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fulness of Christ.

MY Text recites to us the happy consequences of our Blessed Lord's Ascension; the Gifts which he received for the Use of his Church, and conveyed to it.

The *Persons* indeed of his Apostles he had marked out in his Life-time, and had enter'd them upon some *Probationary Services*, before