

"REMEMBER YOUR LEADERS."

"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."—*Hebrews xiii. 7.*

THIS text refers to deceased pastors. As it stands in our version, it might seem rather to refer to pastors still living and labouring in the Church. But the expression in the first clause, "them which have the rule over you," is, as is indicated on the margin, when rendered literally, "your guides" or "leaders;" and in the last clause "the end" means the ending or outgoing, and "conversation" means the life. The "conversation" is indeed not the bare life, but the life with certain moral characteristics; still it is the life, and "the end of their conversation" is the ending of their life, or their outgoing from life. It is thus to deceased leaders that the text refers—these leaders, as the terms employed, when taken conjointly, indicate, having been pastors in the Church, although a reference also to some who were not in the pastoral office, and yet were in a valid sense leaders, is not necessarily excluded. Paraphrasing the text a little we may read it and bring out its meaning thus:—"Remember your leaders, who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow, considering the happy outgoing from life they got, that life of theirs being such as it was." The duty therefore to which the Word of God here calls the Church is that of remembering its deceased