

Prof. TUOMEY.—Prof. M. Tuomey died at Tuscaloosa on the 30th of March last. He had been one of the active geologists of the Southern States, and among them had taken the lead through his researches and publications. In 1844 he was put in charge of the Geological Survey of South Carolina, and four years afterward published his final Report in a large quarto volume. The Report treats of the various crystalline rocks and their metalliferous veins or ores, and dwells at length on the Cretaceous and Tertiary beds which had been with him more special subjects of study. In his survey, he brought out many facts of prominent interest, illustrating important principles in the geology of the continent and the history of seashore deposits.

The state of South Carolina is remarkable geologically for containing nothing of the carboniferous formation (unless metamorphosed;) excepting the middle secondary red sandstone, which he traced from North Carolina to a distance of four or five miles into South Carolina where it is associated with trap dykes as in the Connecticut valley, there are no stratified rocks, yet observed between the metamorphic bed and the Cretaceous.

Subsequently, Prof. Tuomey was appointed to the Chair of Geology of the university of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and to the charge of the Geological Survey of that State, which positions he held when he died. He has been actively engaged in his explorations during the year past, and both the State and the University have experienced a great loss in his decease. In connection with Dr. F. S. Holmes he has had in hand the publication of a splendid work on the Fossils of South Carolina, which has not been surpassed in the country for the beauty of its paleontological illustrations. Geological science is greatly indebted to Prof. Tuomey's zeal and fidelity, and has occasion for mourning that his labors have ceased.—“*Sillimans Journal*.”

DR. SCORESBY, the veteran of Arctic enterprise, died at Torquay, England, on the 21st of March last, after a lingering illness.