

Death of Rev. Paul T. Gervais.

We copy the subjoined merited eulogium from the *Southern Episcopalian*, for August, just published :

"After this number was printed off we find it our melancholy duty to announce the death, in this city, on Monday, July 28th, of the Rev. Paul Trapier Gervais, in the 72d year of his age. Our departed brother was the senior Presbyter of this Diocese.— He was ordained Deacon, on 25th of November, 1807, at New York, by Bishop Benjamin Moore, and Priest on 4th August, 1809. In 1810, he settled on John's Island, and officiated as a Minister of the Gospel. The parish had been for twenty years without a Rector, and was without an Episcopal place of worship. The services of our Church were performed in the Presbyterian Church, which was kindly loaned for the purpose, and sometimes in private houses. Through the exertions of Mr. Gervais, the parishoners were induced, in 1817, to erect St. John's Church, and Mr. G. was unanimously elected their Rector. He was not, however, permitted to labor long in the high and holy duties of his calling—a disease of the chest, compelled him in May, 1818, to desist from preaching, and he has never been able since that time to enter the pulpit. His interest in the concerns of his parish never however abated, and he was enabled to render it very efficient aid as the Secretary and Treasurer of the Vestry; to his prudent management it is owing that the parish has now a competent fund for the support of its Rector, and that its temporal affairs are in a state of peculiar prosperity.

"Nor was it only to his own neighborhood that Mr. Gervais rendered valuable service. In the Convention and the Standing Committee of the Diocese, and in the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina, his counsel was always listened to with respect. He was one of the framers of the Constitution of the Diocese, and the last surviving founder of the Society above named, in its Board of Trustees he has always had a place, and at the time of his death filled the place of Vice President. He is the last of the original founders of the Charleston Bible Society, and his name will be found among its first Board of Managers.

"For more than a year past Mr. Gervais' health has been declining, and the severe affliction experienced last winter in the loss of a devoted wife, seemed to hasten on the general decay of his faculties. With his usual calmness, he made all his preparations for his departure, and with an humble hope in the merits of his Redeemer, went peacefully to his rest.

"The funeral took place at St. Philip's Church, where he had long been a worshipper, on Tuesday afternoon, July 29th, the Rev. Mr. Campbell performing the services, and a large number of the Clergy and Laity being present to honor the memory of one who was generally esteemed in the community of which he had so long been a member."

The bells of St. Michael's tolled for his funeral.