

Late Edward Merck, Who  
Died Late on Wednes-  
day Afternoon.

AT ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL.

Was Born in Alsace and Came to  
This Country After the  
Prussian War.

His Family's Fate.

The long illness of Edward Merck ended in death at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at St. Francis hospital. HE had suffered with a disease of the heart for a long time and a fortnight before his death was taken to St. Francis hospital for treatment, although it was not diagnosed that far marked his presence here. He thought about it. He had suffered with a weak heart all his life, the result of an attack of infectious rheumatism in his boyhood. In fact, the physician who examined him in the old country prior to his departure for America did not think the voyage would stand the sea voyage.

Mr. Merck was one of the best known men in the city. He had been engaged in and from the proprietor of the catering business for nearly thirty years and therefore been brought into contact with a large portion of the population. Being a man of not only superior intelligence but of superior education as well, and being recognized everywhere as a man of the highest integrity, he enjoyed the esteem and friendship of his customers as they annually gathered. For several years he was the resort of all classes. The most disorder and never tolerated in any place with which he was connected. He had secured the elements of a business education at Strasbourg, but his career as a business man was interrupted by circumstances before completion. He was well versed in English, German and French.

Mr. Merck was fifty-three years old, having been born on Jan. 25, 1850, in Selzenberg, Alsace. He was there some years of the debatable land between France and Germany. Alsace at the time of his birth belonged to