

## THE DEATH IN CHICAGO.

### FRANCOIS JOSEPH MERCK—HIS REMAINS SHIPPED TO FREEPORT.

Francois Joseph Merck died at the Alexian hospital in Chicago on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. He had been a sufferer from fatening of the heart since early last March, and on July 12th was taken to Chicago for treatment, but the disease could not be checked. Mr. Merck's remains, accompanied by his son Theophilus and his son-in-law, John Mammosser, of Chicago, were brought to Freeport this morning over the Northwestern road. They were taken to the residence of his son, E. M. Merck, on Chicago street, from which place the funeral procession will leave tomorrow morning, going to St. Joseph's Catholic church, where services will be held at half past ten o'clock with Rev. Father Kalvelage officiating.

Mr. Merck was born in Alsace, France, sixty-eight years ago this winter, and was for many years a manufacturer of woolen goods. Left a widower in his native country several years ago he lived there until 1880 when he came to the United States and Freeport. Fourteen sons and daughters were born unto him, of whom nine are now living as follows: Edward, E. M., Emil, and Miss Merck, of Freeport; Michael Merck, in Arizona, Theophilus Merck and Mrs. John Mammosser, of Chicago; and Joseph Merck, and sister Mary, still in France.