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The End Has Come.

Weep, Lafourche, for your most cherished citizen has been called hence. He has gone to eternal rest, after a long life spent in a manner that commanded both love and respect. Rev. Father Charles M. Menard is dead. He breathed his last at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. His interment will take place to-day at 9 o'clock from St. Joseph's Church, where he spent the greater portion of his life.

Father Menard was born on April 20th, 1817, at Lyons, France. He arrived in America on February 20th 1837, and he was ordained in the Parish of Assumption, January 30th 1842. He arrived in Thibodaux February 6th, 1842. For the first three years after he came to this parish he served as assistant to Rev. Father F. B. St. Aubin, then parish priest. Father St. Aubin having been sent elsewhere Father Menard became parish priest and filled the varied and arduous duties thereof for fifty-three years. He officiated until about a year ago, when his faculties became too weak and exhausted for him to be in control of so large a congregation. From then he continued to decline until he grew so helpless and feeble that death, which came last Tuesday, seemed a welcome visitor.

We doubt if ever there was a priest more beloved and revered than Father Menard. Among all denominations he was looked upon as a person whose saintless benevolence and pure zeal required the utmost respect. His name and fame have gone forth through all parts of the State. His parishioners loved him as child loves a father, and now they feel that they have experienced a loss that can never be repaired.

May the angels keep watch over his grave and may he now be enjoying his reward—the bliss of Heaven.—Lafourche Comet.

Iberia parish had its first legal hanging on Friday the 3rd inst., in the person of the negro named William Patterson, for the murder of Sarah Adams, in March last on the Morbihan plantation.

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