

DR. ELIHU VEDDER DEAD.

AT THE AGE OF 94 HE PASSES
AWAY AT ST. AUGUSTINE.

Father of the Famous Artist, Elihu
Vedder—A Resident of St. Augus-
tine Twenty-Five Years.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 5.—Dr. Elihu Vedder died at his residence at the north end of San Marco avenue at 9 o'clock this morning, the result of old age. He was born in Schenectady, N. Y., November 13, 1802, but notwithstanding his great age, he was vigorous until about ten days ago, when he took cold. Previous to coming here, twenty-five years ago, he lived in Cuba, practicing his profession as dentist for thirty years. He has been wholly blind for the past several years, but was able to get about unaided until a year ago, when he mistook a hallway door for a closet, and he fell and injured his thigh. At this time his son, the famous artist, Elihu Vedder, happened to be here previous to his return to Rome, Italy, but had to leave the venerable father to prosecute his work of decorating the Washington building. He left his parent in the care of his cousin, Dr. John Vedder of this city, and Judge J. W. Henderson's family, and the aged gentleman was soon restored to his wonted health. The deceased had another son, Dr. Alexander Vedder, for many years physician to the mikado in Japan. Judge Henderson has telegraphed to Elihu Vedder for instructions as to the disposition of the body. As the family are descended from the old Dutch settlers of New York, it is thought that the body will be sent to Schenectady for interment in the family vault. The deceased was greatly respected, and his home contained a large collection of valuable books, etc. He was a most interesting host, and though unable to see, could picture plainly the scenes about his home, and he never tired telling the varied incidents of his past life.

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