

John T. Trowbridge.

Born Sept. 18, 1827. Died Feb. 12, 1916.



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J. T. TROWBRIDGE IS DEAD IN EAST

Poet and Writer of Stories for Boys Expires at Ripe Age.

Arlington, Mass., Feb. 12.—John Townsend Trowbridge, poet and author of stories for boys, died tonight. Death was caused by bronchitis, which developed from a severe cold contracted a few weeks ago.

It was sixty-three years ago that Mr. Trowbridge gave to the youth of an earlier generation "Father Brighthopes," the first of a long series of books that included "Neighbor Jackwood," "The Pocket Rifle," "Cudjo's Cave," and ended with "A Pair of Madcaps" in 1909.

Distressed About War.

Until his present attack Mr. Trowbridge appeared physically well and mentally alert.

The war, however, distressed him greatly and recently he said to a caller: "I have the utmost abhorrence of war and the one thing I now wish to live for is to see militarism crushed, international peace established, and the so-called Christian nations, no longer madly destroying each other, preparing to live together as unarmed friendly neighbors should."

Last of Famed Group.

Mr. Trowbridge was one of the last survivors of the group of authors who made Boston a famous literary center in the first three decades of the last half of the nineteenth century.

Perhaps the best known of Mr. Trowbridge's verse is the humorous poem, "Darius Green and His Flying Machine," written in 1870. When, forty years later, he first saw an aeroplane in action, he remarked:

"I never dreamed when I wrote that poem that such a thing as a flying machine was even a possibility in my lifetime."