

[Sill, John]

A Genoa Philanthropist

Rev. J. J. [Jay Jenkins] Brayton, of this city, was called to Genoa, yesterday, to attend the funeral of John Sill, a veteran philanthropist of the village, who was suddenly called away after having lived a useful life of sixty-four years. Mr. Sill died on one of the early days of the week, of heart disease. He had been feeling as well as usual, but lying down upon a lounge after eating dinner he turned his face to the wall and quietly passed away. He was a wealthy man—rich in the qualities that make a man beloved and in the esteem that follows the possession of such qualities, as well as rich in lands and purse. His charity and philanthropy had extended among deserving people for miles around and sincere mourners flocked from all the vicinity to pay their last tributes, yesterday. The funeral services were in the Universalist church and the edifice was crowded. Mr. Brayton spoke tender and touching words upon the remembrance of the dead in general and upon the particular, personal remembrance which should survive this deceased good man. The music was furnished by the male quartette from the Baptist church. Mr. Sill leaves a wife [Catherine] and eight children, [including Thomas, Mary, William, Charles, Harriet, and Oliver], four of the octette being daughters.

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