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ROBINSON GILL

Robinson Gill, the well-known banker, who lived at 217 Keap Street, Brooklyn, died yesterday at his Summer home in Canton, N.Y. He had been ill for a year. His body will be brought to Brooklyn to-day. While no arrangements have been made for the funeral, it is probable that services will be conducted at his home by the Rev. Dr. J. Coleman Adams, pastor of All Souls Universalist Church, of which the family are members. The interment will be in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Gill leaves a wife, four sons, and a daughter.

Mr. Gill for years has been associated with Col. Andrew D. Baird in the stone business at Wythe Avenue and Keap Street. He was born in Oakley, Yorkshire, England, on Dec. 7, 1829. At the time of his death he was President of the Dime Savings Bank, which position he had occupied since 1886. He was also President of the Master Stone Cutters' Association, which office he had filled for nine years.

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ROBINSON GILL BURIED.

Last Offices to the Dead at Greenwood To-Day—  
The Funeral Services Last Night.

A better evidence could not have been given of the high esteem and respect in which the late Robinson Gill was held by his fellow citizens than the representative gathering of business men and working men that attended the funeral services of the deceased at the family home, 217 Keap street, last evening. In the assemblage were Andrew D. Baird, who served his apprenticeship with Mr. Gill and was afterward his partner; Seth L. Keeney, President White of the Mechanics' Bank; T.B. Jackson, Benjamin Wilson, the trustees of the Dime Savings Bank of Williamsburgh, delegations from the Freestone Dealers' Association of New York, The Freestone Dealers' Association of Brooklyn, the Quarrymen's Association of New York and employe[e]s from both Mr. Gill's and Mr. Baird's stone yards.

The body was encased in a black cloth covered casket, which was placed between the parlors. At the head and foot of the casket and to the rear was an immense collection of floral offerings from associates and friends. Noticeable among these was a large floral chair with a high back in which was the word "President," from the trustees of the bank. An ivory gavel, trimmed with black and white ribbons, was laid on the seat of the chair.

The funeral services, which were begun shortly after 8 o'clock, were conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Coleman Adams, the pastor of All Souls' [Universalist] Church, of which the deceased was a member. After reading a portion of the services, the doctor paused long enough to allow the hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee," to be sung. After another short reading Dr. Adams eulogized the dead man. He said that he was an exemplary citizen—one whose honesty and integrity had never been doubted, who knew the value of the church and aided it, and was a faithful member. "Many hearts here are sad to-night," said the speaker, "because many have lost a staunch friend, one who carried the burdens of others. He was a man who, though modest in his manner, was always interested in public matters for the good of the community. He was a devoted husband and loving father."

Dr. Adams read another extract from the Scripture and "Lead, Kindly Light" was sung, after which the doctor pronounced the benediction. The burial occurred this morning at 10 o'clock, in Greenwood Cemetery.

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