

[Shepard, Samuel]

DEATHS.

In Riga, February 21st, SAMUEL SHEPARD, aged 72 years. Brother Shepard was the first settler in the town. For twenty-five years he was a member of the Universalist Society [located in the village of Churchville]. The Gospel to him was the power of God unto salvation. He was a *practical* Universalist. The power of his faith rendered his life happy and agreeable. It supported him in the trying hour of death. He lived respected and died lamented by all who knew him. His loss will be felt, not only in his family, and in the society to which he belonged, but among the poor and needy. He left an aged companion and a large family of children to mourn his loss.— May God in his infinite mercy bless them with the consolations of the Gospel [and] 'give them the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.' His funeral was attended by the writer, and a sermon preached to a large and sympathising congregation, from 2 Sam. xiv:14; Eph. i:8,9,10.

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