

storms and afflictions of this life and be
one unbroken family circle around the
throne of God in Heaven I am glad
I have not always got to live here. I can
at times look forward with joy to the
day when this life shall be o'er and my
work done here, and oh may it be well
done and I prepared to enter into rest.
I dont know as I have much news to
write - Sheldon Lawrence has died since
you went away, he died very suddenly
I believe. Your "gray deciver" is
all right and if I am any judge looks
better than when you left. I wish Henry
had the money to buy him but the wish
is vain. Please write to us as often as you
can and I will try to answer in my
poor style. Love to David's folks - also yourself
and may the blessing of Heaven guard you
from ill is the prayer of your
unworthy Sister
Amanda

Bridport Apr 26th 1868

Dear Brother Lewis

We have received two
letters and one paper from you since you
left us - and I thought we might venture
to write to you or direct to New Milford
We were glad to hear you was well and
in such good spirits. If you have good
health I dont see anything to prevent you
from enjoying your visit - In fact perfect
health is the greatest blessing bestowed
upon us poor mortals here below.

Ezra returned rather sooner than was expected
by any of us - Really I dont think it hardly
paid for the tears shed over his absence
Martha fairly cried herself sick and her
mother was obliged to fuss over her for half
a day and finally put a brick to her feet &
got her quieted down so she slept till
noon - she survived the terrible shock
I believe