

Christ Church Rectory
Cooperstown June 29 1853.

Dear Mother,

Your letter to Mrs Batten
was duly received, it must be three
weeks since, and last night, while
She & I was resting & meditating during
twilight, it occurred to us that it ought
to be answered at once, This was a
sage conclusion to come to, as you
will conclude, We are all pretty
well, Mary is much better than she
has been, & her mother only complains
of one thing now, her left limb,
last week we suffered enormously
from the oppressive heat of the
weather, To day & yesterday we really
enjoyed a good fire, The Cooper
Hotel is nearly finished and will

S. H. Ballin
27 June 1853

Yours affectionate Son
J. W. Patton