

With love & affection to all. Your children Stephen & Kate,

Christ Ch. Rectory,
Cooperstown, Aug. 13.
1853

Dear Mother,

Yesterday, Friday, was
with us, the hottest day of the season,
Several days past have been nearly
as warm, Mrs. B. felt the heat
yesterday very severely, so much so
I dreaded the consequences.

We are all otherwise quite well,
Wednesday afternoon, our Bishop
visited this Parish and confirmed
16. the largest number at one time
for many years, Our Church repairs
are nearly completed, but will
not be entirely, & painted in 10 days,

Our Church Edifice is now
greatly admired, all seem much
pleased with the improvements,
Our bell sounds good,
The Cooper House goes off well,
For several days past it has been
filled up. Yesterday, the largest
lake party of the season came off
at 3 mile point. They were
pretty well roasted alive, but
cooled off under the tall trees
on the point, Fore Seward and
other notables were there. He has
been in Church two Sundays,
Many leave Town to day, &
doubtless others will fill their
places, Tell Annie Mrs
& Miss Rhodes of Albany

are spending several weeks here,
They say they know Aunt herself,
She I believe was a Page of
Schenectady, are often at Lake
George, We expect to begin our
Winter Campaign about Sept,
1. My school then commences
and we shall take an elderly
Widow Lady & a young Lady to
to board, both Communeaux,
Mary Ann is still with us &
will probably be here some
months with Mrs Batten.
It is too hot to write very long
letters. The two Miss Scotts were
confirmed. The Derings and
Stongs are staying with them,
making 6 Young Ladies in all,

The year in Parish matters
has been a very prosperous
& satisfactory one,
The Bishop stood with
Judge Nelson, The Cooper
ladies are all in Town, Mrs
Richard Cooper has a Son,
another James Hemmings, to
be baptised to morrow, They
Commence building this fall,

Mrs Alfred Clark is decidedly
improving - He is getting to be
one of my right hand men

Mrs Geo Clarke is very pretty,
They attend Church regularly. They
are now for a few days at
Saratoga & Newport,
Mrs Isaac Cooper has lost her only
Son, Morris - leaves a wife & 3 children