

Christ Church Rectory,
Coopersdown, Oct. 3^d 53.

Dear Mother,

We arrived safely at home on Saturday Sept 29. at about 3 in the afternoon, and in good health, finding our house in order, and friends generally well. We enjoyed our visit to New-York and vicinity very much indeed, more than we had anticipated. The weather was so fine and cool, not a single stormy day to detain us in the house. The Children were delighted with the many handsome edifices - churches + stores - inside

and out, the Markets - Exchange,
Reservoir - Crystal Palace -

They went to see + hear George
Christy + one convulsed with
laughter - I took them also
to Staten Island - + down to
the Telegraph point where they
saw the Ocean, outer + inner
New York Bay, and fortifications,
Since we came home it has
rained incessantly - it must be
the Equinox - The leaves are
rapidly changing, warning us
of approaching winter,

Mrs Batten - three children
myself - three trunks - one
valise - one carpet bag, one
Picture frame, two bundles

one demijohn + one basket,
took passage on board the
"Isaac Newton" for Albany,
and we only miss two articles
a silver thimble + a pin cushion.
The children have already com-
menced academical operations,
The first few days - it ruts a
little - but by next week, we
shall begin to work smoothly
steadily - profitably.

Our Convention I believe ad-
journed, some time, but quite
a number of Abby + Lairy
were on board with us, who
did not wait for the wise
pullers to end their speeches,

There is a deal of this thing
going on in New York and
vicinity - and it is disgusting.
Bishop Potter's address was
very good,

We are now pretty well
prepared for our Winter's
Campaign - The baby seems
to remember her old haunts,
and enjoys the nice little tea
set - given by her aunt,

With love & kindest regard to
all. Your affec Son
Stephen.

Recd J. M. Brewster
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