

Oxford, Dec 20th 1898

My dearest Ellie,

I was very glad to get your letter and though it was after date it was none the less acceptable, for I felt sure of your love and that is better than the grandest present or even a congratulatory letter. I am or was seventy five 75. I have passed the mark but I feel as well as I have for some years, indeed better in some respects. I have just written to Lily. I suppose you know she has been getting up a little biography of your Grandfather. She further & wanted me to send a Photo.

That was taken about the
time he went to Lachawanna
You know probably that W. W.
Scranton has had a printing
of all the prisoners of Scranton
and he has sent us Photos
of it. It is after ten o'clock &
I am really too tired to write
any more tonight May you
shimber be so sweet & restful,
Wed. P.M. Apton, Mary & I went
to Id. Town to meet the girls
To-day M. & the girls have gone
to sup. I have been wondering
what you have concluded to do
with Kath. The ungrateful girl!
I suspected that she was a disap-
pointment. I hope you will get
rid of her before you are quite
worn out. I will send a few

things for Christmas. I want to
send Helen a Bible if it gets
her in time, what would
C.S. like. Joe is making arrange-
ments for a Putz, Geo & C. & child-
ren were expected here but George
is too miserable to come, He has
had Scurvy & is really. I think
in a critical state of health.

The rest are better but still hope
to have the children here, Many
wrote for them to come out with
her this evening. It is so undecided
about Jimmy's coming North next
summer, that I am not wait-
ing for her. I do truly hope she will,
hope to hear something definite.
Do not tire yourself out with
Xmas preparations,

Your own, loving mother
Jane A. Scrantom.