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Dear Gen. Pratt.

In a letter from
Nana, received yesterday
she told me that on Dec.
6th you would be 80 years
old. I could not believe it
possible, that the years had
gone so swiftly - but "time
waits for no man" - or woman,
either. I have been guilty
of wishing he would hold

back a little for my sake.

But if I can retain my youth as Nana says you and Mrs. Pratt have and as my mother has - I could find no fault with Father Time.

I am so glad, Gen. Pratt that the years have dealt so kindly with you and your good wife - and I hope that happiness may increase and your blessings multiply with the coming months and years that you

spend among us. May the years be many and full of all good things for you.

I think and speak so often of my Carlisle days - some of my happiest ones were spent there and I count the friends made there among my best beloved. I still hear occasionally from Miss Paull - and we had a little visit from Miss Fisher a short time ago. She was leaving Genoa and the Indian Service - with a pension

I think. Having several friends here in Lincoln, she came over for a few days visit before she left the state. She expected to live with a sister-in-law I think, in Hurluth. But when she wrote me she gave no address. She looks much older, perhaps because of her white hair. And I imagine she found my white head changed me, for she remarked that the only thing that seemed natural was my voice and manner of speaking.

I was so glad to hear from Nana and about her children. She must

have a delightful family.

My one boy thinks nothing could be nicer than a house full of brothers and sisters.

John is growing pretty fast and is not very strong, but we hope he will be, some day. I visited a few days with Jim's widow in Oklahoma last month.

She is Supt. of the City Hospital in Ponca City and is very well liked - Our poor Jim - my heart aches when I think of his life of

suffering. But he never com-
plained. John's widow is
married again & lives in
Colorado. Just think - Uncle
Obe, Aunt Lide, Jim & John -
all gone. My mother will be
80 yrs. old next Oct. and she is
quite active yet. has lived
here with me for seven yrs.
We all hope you will spend
a very happy birthday, dear
Gen. Pratt. How I would love
to see you & Mrs Pratt.

With sincere affection for you
both, I am your friend

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