

^{to Misses}
Chelmsford Road
My dear ^{Miss} Mrs Dayle
When are you coming
to see me come
soon I shall be
very glad to see
you

In My Absence
& at Home very
happy to comply
Mrs Prentice she
is very kind &

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at the same time
all she can do
etc. of me Mrs
O Gen has been
to see me very
pleased to see
her (I promised to
show) one day but
the weather prevented
me & I was not
Mc Cooper

feeling well & hope
give my love to
her I am better
though not able
you to come to see
you both I hope
you & all my kind
are well I have
no ink please
my letter with best
love you know how
I am



Mary Ann Cooper, Age 98
April 5 1906

From a Photograph by Mr. W. Atwood, Southgate.

All lovers of Charles Dickens and his immortal works will, I am sure, be greatly interested in the portrait which appears above, for it is that of Mrs. Cooper, the original of Little Dorrit. The charming old lady who, as will be seen from her signature above, is in her ninety-fourth year, lives at Southgate, and not at Ealing, as has been stated by sundry of my 'steemed contemporaries. The portrait, for which I am indebted to Mr. W. Atwood, famous alike for his piano-playing and his photography, was taken by him a few months ago.