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GIRTON COLLEGE,  
CAMBRIDGE.

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Friday was the momentous day of voting for Degrees. The authorities were afraid some objectionable behaviour might occur, so our cabs took us to lecture by a back way. ~~So~~ Nothing happened however, & as you will perhaps have seen the majority against Degrees was 1100 odd, the Non Placets being 1413 & the Placets 662. After the result was declared the undergrads went a little mad. They took a <sup>model of a</sup> quilt, dressed in a pink blouse & blue bloomers, on a bicycle, & then hired a hansom & put the bicycle outside & the ~~the~~ model inside, took

out the horse & dragged the cab to Newnham. They did no damage there but the gates were shut on them. Prof. Sidgwick it appears, caused them to disperse by merely saying "Gentlemen, I think you'd better go away". They had a big bonfire in the market place at night, & some of the students here heard them singing "God Save the Queen" quite late - about 11.

Philip Wilson & Walter Flecker have been in the forefront in the opposition of the Resident members of the University, though how much they had to do with these boyish actions I don't know. Another thing the men did was to ask

all the M.As. as they came out of the station which way they were going to vote, & those who were Placet, had to walk to the Senate-House, as they kept all the cabs for the 'Non Placet'. This College does not seem to have been much perturbed for everyone expected defeat, though not quite such a crushing one.

~~Yesterday we had a cricket match & I did not distinguish myself. I did not go into Cambridge today, as I had to prepare a paper for Missionary study next week, & did not think I should give week-day time to it.~~

I suppose you + Aunt M. are  
not coming to Cambridge, as  
I've heard no more from  
either of you about it. I'm sorry.

~~to~~ Please give the enclosed  
to Aunt M. You may read it  
if you like.

Your very loving daughter,  
Gertie M. Wilson.