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Proposed Admission of Girls to University Local Examinations.

17, CUNNINGHAM PLACE, LONDON, N.W.

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My dear Sir

It is really most kind
of you to take so much trouble
on our behalf, both in making
investigations at Oxford, &
in enlightening us as to our
chances there. I laid your
views before our Committee
on Friday, & it was agreed
not to memorialize at present.

From what you say, it does not seem very likely that our application would be granted, & an unfavourable answer would be very damaging. If our experimental examⁿ goes off well, we may probably ask the Delegacy for something of the same sort, which Mr. Griffiths thinks would not be refused. Even if it were, I suppose it would be on the ground that it was beyond their powers,

& such a refusal would not hurt us much. The Examiners at Cambridge are very friendly, & we are now advised to send in a Memorial at the beginning of next Term, but I am not sure that our Committee will think it wise to push on quite so fast.

I am afraid you must think us very obstinate in pressing for the full admission. What we are afraid of is that the something else which might be

granted would not be genuinely
equivalent. I am amused to
find that our girls quite
appreciate the difference between
the real University certificate
& the imitation we have to offer.
They have been making anxious
enquiries as to who will sign
ours, & evidently only accept
it as a *pis aller*.

Is there any chance of your
being able to look in upon us
while our exam^s is going on?

I remain, dear Sir

Yours very truly
Emily Davies.