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Barbara Stephen (1872–1945) studied history at Girton College, Cambridge, from 1891 to 1894. This history of the college, first published in 1933, drew on her previous publication *Emily Davies and Girton College* as well as on college reports, letters to and from the founders, and information obtained from staff of the college. The college was established on 16 October 1869 by Emily Davies and Barbara Bodichon, and was the first Cambridge college for women students. Women were not admitted to full degrees at Cambridge until 1948, after Stephen's death, though Oxford had awarded degrees to women since 1920. The author probably never imagined that Girton would admit male undergraduates, as it has from 1979. Stephen's informative short history of the college's first sixty years is an intriguing document for those interested in the history of the University of Cambridge or of women's education.

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THIS SHORT HISTORY of Girton College is based as regards earlier years (Chapters I–V and part of Chapter VI) on my book, *Emily Davies and Girton College*, published in 1927 by Messrs Constable. For the later chapters I have drawn on the Annual Reports of the College; the *Girton Review*; letters from Miss Davies and Miss Metcalfe to Madame Bodichon, lent by her nephew, Mr Valentine Leigh Smith; letters to Madame Bodichon from Miss Marks (Mrs Ayrton), lent by her daughter, Mrs Ayrton Gould; and information supplied by the Librarian of Girton, Miss McMorrin, and by the Secretary, Miss Clover, and her assistant, Miss Peace: to all of whom I offer my thanks. I must also thank the Mistress of Girton, Miss Jex-Blake, Miss Major, and Miss Bacon, for criticisms and suggestions.

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