

## **BRYN MAWR HEAD TO RETIRE NEXT YEAR**

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Have Reached Age Limit  
Set By College.**

### **CHOSEN PRESIDENT IN 1893**

**Committee At Work On Selection  
Of Successor—Several Names  
Being Considered.**

Philadelphia; March 27.—Dr. M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, it is announced, will retire at the close of the term in June, 1922. Dr. Thomas will have reached the age limit of 65 years. She has been head of the college since 1893.

A committee, of which Asa S. Wing is chairman, has been organized and has been engaged for some time in canvassing the country for a suitable successor for Dr. Thomas. That committee, according to Mr. Wing, has already considered the names of many, including that of Dr. Richard M. Gummere, headmaster of the William Penn Charter School, but no choice has been determined upon.

#### **Known in College Circles.**

"Yes," said Mr. Wing, "Dr. Thomas' retirement has been a matter of common knowledge for some time among those closely connected with the college, but so far as I know no public announcement of the situation has been made. The age limit at Bryn Mawr has been set at 65, and Dr. Thomas, therefore, will relinquish her position as president in June, 1922. We have considered many names, but no offer to anyone has been made so far."

At the college Dr. Thomas was asked concerning her retirement through one of the officials of the Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association, but she preferred not to make any comment or to confirm or deny Mr. Wing's outline of the situation. In alumnae circles, however, the necessity for finding a suitable successor for Dr. Thomas has been a matter of discussion several months. So far, it is understood, no expression of view has been ventured.

#### **Studied Abroad Six Years.**

Dr. Thomas, now recognized as the leader among girls' college presidents, was one of the first girl students to enter Cornell when it was made a co-educational institution. After graduating there she spent three years in Leipzig, and then took a summa cum laude degree in Zurich. After six years abroad, she returned to America and immediately was elected dean of the faculty of Bryn Mawr, and then was chosen president to succeed Dr. James E. Rhoades, who resigned in 1893.

In 1915, Miss Thomas inherited virtually all of the estate of Miss Mary E. Garrett, the value of which was estimated at \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000.