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BRYN MAWR HEAD TO RETIRE NEXT YEAR

Dr. M. Carey Thomas Then Will 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 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. Gummers, headmaster of the William Penn Charter School, but no choice has been determined.

Known In College Circles.

"Yes," said Mr. Wing, "Dr. Thomas' retirement has been a matter of common knowledge over some time among those closely connected with the college, but so far 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 Alumni Association. She said that she intended to continue her work as alumnus president, and that she would be glad to make any comment or to confirm or deny Mr. Wing's outline of the situation.

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 coeducational institution. After graduating from Bryn Mawr, she went abroad and took a summa cum laude degree in Zurich. After six years abroad, she returned to America and was immediately chosen president of the Bryn Mawr College.