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in admission. The number remains steady because a steady number apply."

1939

President Park responded to an inquiry from Dr. Compton about the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She wrote that "The situation at Bryn Mawr seems to me on the whole normal and 'unconscious' and I feel no need of action at the present time. I should hesitate to stir up any dormant feeling. Last year the President of the Bryn Mawr League was a Catholic. In November of this year the whole college united to bring four Jewish refugee students to Bryn Mawr on scholarships. On the faculty we have, in addition to Protestants, both Catholics and Jews. If the situation here changes and some action seems wise I will suggest a committee and communicate with you."

1944

A letter written by Mrs. Broughton, who became the College's first Director of Admissions, included this statement: "On the special question you raise about our action on the admission of negro and Jewish students there is not much to say. We have a good many applications from Jewish students and very few from negro students....There has been no problem about the Jewish students at Bryn Mawr, but we did notice for the first time this year that some few schools were sending an extraordinary number of Jewish applications."

1948

An alumna wrote to President McBride about a New Republic article by Bruce Bliven citing Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and Swarthmore as among 15 colleges in which there was a conspicuously small proportion of Jews. She didn't know what the college's policy was, but felt that the time had come to enunciate it.

President McBride responded that the percentage of Jews in a class varied between 11 and 16 per cent. These figures were probably low since no student was required to state her religion. The question about religion on the application was only used to send the names of entering students to the nearest church of their denomination on their arrival. The information was not misused. Perhaps the question should be omitted. "We do not discriminate, and on the whole that fact is pretty well known."