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religious attainments and good examples and influence."  
Diversity in the student body was not one of his goals.

### History of Black Students at Bryn Mawr

1903

Fear of the withdrawal of Southern students from the College apparently led President M. Carey Thomas to encourage Jessie Fauget, the first black graduate of Girls High School in Philadelphia, to attend Cornell rather than Bryn Mawr.

1906

A letter from M. Carey Thomas to a teacher in Washington, D.C. suggested that black students would be uncomfortable among Bryn Mawr's largely Middle Atlantic/ Southern students.

As I believe that a great part of the benefit of a college education is derived from intimate association with other students of the same age interested in the same intellectual pursuits, I should be inclined to advise such a student to seek admission to a college situated in one of the New England states where she would not be so apt to be deprived of this intellectual companionship because of the different composition of the student body. At Bryn Mawr College we have a large number of students coming from the Middle and Southern states so that conditions here would be much more unfavourable.

[Ed. note: In 1909-10 51/337 undergraduates were from Southern states.]

1916

M. Carey Thomas's address at the opening of college included her thoughts on white intellectual supremacy and expressed pride in the ethnic homogeneity of Bryn Mawr students. While she was certainly not alone among academics of her time in her eugenic theories, they cannot be ignored.

If the present intellectual supremacy of the white races is maintained, as I hope that it will be for centuries to come, I believe that it will be because they are the only races that have seriously begun to educate their women....

It seems to be only in a strictly limited temperate zone, only on a very small part of the earth's surface that men can maintain continuous intellectual activity. Roughly speaking this zone includes Great Britain,