



The Deanery,

Bryn Mawr,

December 12, 1930 Pennsylvania.

Dear Miss Gildersleeve

On the eighteenth our board of directors has to face the question of whether or not it shall be the policy of Bryn Mawr College to admit negro women into residence. The decision is a momentous one for us because Philadelphia and its suburbs especially Bryn Mawr have become a great negro centre. I believe that with the exception of New York and southern cities including Baltimore and Washington, Philadelphia is the largest negro centre in the United States.

Will you tell me whether you have ever admitted a negro woman into residence and if so how it works especially whether her negro men friends call on her in the dormitories.

The result of Hilda Smith's admitting four negro women to the summer school seems to be that whenever entertainments are given by the summer school a solid block of negro men from the neighborhood of Bryn Mawr appears in the audience, last summer I am told from twenty-five to thirty.

Very sincerely yours

*M. Carey Thomas*