

The BOOKER T. WASHINGTON *Papers*

From Fannie Merritt Farmer¹

Boston, Mass. June second 1896

My dear Mr Washington, Miss Lillian Heywood² will graduate in our Normal Class of '96. Having had years of practical experience in cookery, and having done excellent theoretical work at our institution I feel [able] to conscientiously recommend her to fill the position of which you write. Very truly

Fannie Merritt Farmer

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¹Fannie Merritt Farmer (1857-1915) was director of the Boston Cooking School from 1891 to 1902, when she opened her own school, Miss Farmer's School of Cookery. Her recipes and cookbooks are still widely used in America.

²Lillian Heywood was in charge of the teachers' home at Tuskegee during part of the 1896-97 school term.

From Isabel Eaton¹

Fisher's Island, N.Y. June 10, 1896

Dear Sir, I have just been appointed to a fellowship given under direction of the Univ'y of Penna, by the terms of which I am to reside next year at the Philadelphia College Settlement and from that as a point of appliance am to investigate the "industrial opportunities of the colored population of Philadelphia."

I suppose that you can tell me better than any other man in the country just what are the best things written on the "Negro Problem" in America, and as I hope to make the work count in a practical direction & *hope to* accomplish something for the men in Phila. who are working under all sorts of disadvantages, I have ventured to write and ask you to send me a list of, say, the best half dozen things — (either books or short articles) — to give a good all round idea of the chief aspects of the problem.

With sincere thanks in advance, for the references, I am Very truly yours,

Isabel Eaton

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