

3239 Prairie Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois,
October 2, 1940.

Mr. A. E. Perkins,
Principal, Danneel Public School,
4411 Broadway Street,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:-

Your very interesting letter of September 16th was received, and very much appreciated by me. The fact that this magnificent unit of the Federal Housing Project has been named for my mother is a matter of personal pride to me, but more than that, it has re-awakened in the minds and hearts of Americans interest in her sacrificial and beneficial crusades against lynchings, and for the rights of her Race, and the uplift of the unfortunates.

In answer to the hundreds of requests, like yours, which have come to me, I am working now on a book on mother's life and work, which I hope to have published before this year is over. Working with me, and assisting me is the Ida B. Wells Woman's Club, oldest living club in the country, organized by Ida B. Wells in 1893. This Club, entering its 48th consecutive year of civic service to Chicago, is helping with this venture, which we hope to make a creditable one.

This is the closest that I can come to filling your request for materials, clippings, or pamphlets on mother's life. The printed material is so scarce, that I must keep these few I have for the book aforementioned. However, you shall hear from me again in this regard.

In the mean while, I am interested in the books you mentioned that you have written, and I should like very much to read any or all of them. Chicago has several Negro History classes which are constantly inquiring of me for authentic books on Negroes and I should be glad to know about yours. Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I am,

Sincerely,

Alfred M. Dexter