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Lincoln, Neb., July 8, 1910.

Mrs. John B. Dodd,
610 Sharp Ave.,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Madam:

Your favor at hand. Your suggestion is a very good one, and it might be well to have a definite Sunday fixed as Father's Day, putting the day in another part of the year, so that the Father's Day and Mother's Day would be about six months apart. There is not, I think, quite as much necessity for the Father's Day as if no Mother's Day were established, because when the boy writes to his mother he writes to his father also, and the suggestion that it be called Mother's Day was, I presume, a recognition of the fact that the mother is as a rule more intimately connected with the boy's life than the father. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the relation between parent and child, and it is well to have the children who are away keep in constant touch with the home. There ought to be no rivalry ^{however} between the two days for both rest substantially upon the same commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

Very truly yours,

W. J. Bryan