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The Origin of Father's Day.

By Rev. D. A. Perrin. D. D.

"Father's Day" like "Mother's Day" has come to be observed every where not only in America but in other countries. Each "day" has the approval and sanction of God who said "Honor thy Father and thy Mother", (Ex 20;12) and this commandment is the only one with promise- " that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God, giveth thee". Both of these days were instituted by women, "Mother's Day" by Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia Pa. who when bereaved of a dear Mother to whom she was most tenderly and affectionately attached conceived the idea of "Mother's Day" for all lands, and "Father's Day" by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane Washington. Who was moved to institute it from the highest motives of parental affection and tenderness believing in the right of both father and Mother, to be honored by special days in each year. The first observance of "Father's Day" was last year 1910 in Mrs. Dodd's own city. Spokane, Wash, the 3rd Sunday in June.

The " Inland Herald" of Spokane Wash. said "This new day of ^{commemoration} ~~commoration~~ was celebrated last year for the first time in Spokane, Wash. on the 3rd Sunday in June, but in spite of the newness of the idea, it met with instantaneous approval. The same people who swept into line with glad hearts when Miss Anna ~~J~~ Jarvis instituted "Mother's Day" to honor the Mother's of the land, and who join with the little people on Sunday in each year in celebrating "Children's Day" grasped eagerly at the opportunity of paying homage to Father".

"Since "Father's Day was launched by Mrs. Dodd she has received numerous offerings in song and verse in praise of the hitherto neglected head of the house, among these is an attractive volume by

The Office of the Secretary
has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York, which was introduced in the Senate on the 10th inst. and in the Assembly on the 12th inst. and which is now pending in both Houses of the Legislature.

The proposed amendment is as follows: "The Governor shall have the honor to receive and read in public the prayers of the people, and to sign the laws of the State, and to see that they are faithfully executed."

The proposed amendment is a departure from the usual practice of the Governor, who is not required to read prayers in public, and it is not clear how it would be carried into effect. It is also not clear how the Governor would be held responsible for the prayers of the people, and it is not clear how the Governor would be held responsible for the execution of the laws of the State.

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Rev. D. A. Perrin of Normal, Ill. "Ave Maria poems and songs" and "Dear Old Father" by Samuel Francis Woodward, these contain many beautiful sentiments blending harmoniously with the praise worthy things, which have been written for ages of Motherhood. Plans are already being made for the observance of "Father's Day" again in this city next June. Special sermons will be preached in the churches in his honor and plans for a special service at the Y. M. C. A. are already under way.

Every one will wear a red rose in honor of the living father, and a white one in memory of those who have passed away.

"The observance of the day is national in its scope, for America, Canada, Mexico, and even Honolulu has taken decided interest in the movement. Rev. D. A. Perrin of Normal, Ill. has prepared and will publish a leaflet of song for "Father's Day" which will be used including "Father's Day, ~~for~~ song" with Chorus:-

"In his mem^vry keep "Father's Day"
Wear a rose col'r'd for his delight;
Or if he sleeps in peace, oh say
"I'll wear a rose never so white."

"Write to Father to day" "My Father's Kiss," by Mrs. Pearl Fisher, of Bloomington, Ill. "Scatter the Flowers now" "God will take care of you" by ^{Mrs. and} Mrs. Martin of Chicago, Ill. This leaflet of song is on sale at 5¢ a single copy. \$1. per 100 copies, and 50¢ additional for every extra hundred, by Jennings & Graham, Chicago, Ill. Cincinnati, Ohio, Kansas City, Mo. San Francisco, Cal. Eaton & Mains, New York and Pittsburg, Pa. *Spur & Briggs Toronto Ont*

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