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## President of Fathers' Day Association Extols Place That Father Occupies in War.

By MRS. JOHN BRUCE DODDS,  
Founder of Fathers' Day.

Again and again has come the question, "What part does father play in this great drama of warfare?" Since



Mrs. John Bruce Dodds.

knowledge alone conquers, I sought fatherhood both in the country places and the crowded city.

I discovered aged fathers at tasks recently wrought by the boyish strength of their progeny.

Some wore faded blue, others wore gray, and beside the bronze button or cross as the case may be, was a pair of other buttons — one boldly proclaimed: "I own a Liberty Bond." The other was pure white and bore only a scarlet cross.

To some of those fathers fortune had been generous, most generous to others adversity had been cunningly unscrupulous. But a great dignity embraced their dwelling places, humble or otherwise.

Two banners met the brisk autumn breeze. Kings now pay obeisance to them—for they are crimson, and blue, and white. One I hailed as freedom's own; the other was the flag of service. I choked a bit as I counted the stars