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A Man on the Monuments
This King Ahaz, who reigned more than twenty-five hundred years ago, in the little kingdom of Judah has the interesting distinction of being known to history not only for the records of the Old Testament, but also from the Assyrian monuments. The archaeologist's spade has dug up the cuneiform record cut in stone, of the triumphs of Tiglath-nilneser, king of Assyria who once brought Ahaz to heel. Thus the inspired story of the decadent king's defeat is confirmed by evidence from the sands of Mesopotamia; which is the sort of evidence, strangely enough, that a sceptical world is more ready to accept than it is that of the clear pages of Holy Writ.

So Ahaz got a reputation but it was a bad one. Ambitious for distinction, and with a vanity that would sacrifice all things in order to stand well in the world, Ahaz really succeeded only in winning infamy. He has left an imperishable name, but it is an odious one. History uses him as a red light, to hang on the bathway of time as a danger signal. What a horrible fate it is, to have missed noble success and to win an immortality of shame.

Historically, Ahaz and his kingdom are less important than homiletically. They serve their chief end in showing the ways of God with men. As a king Ahaz was only one of a long line, who, apart from their mission of being bearers of God's Promise to the race, were no more important than ten thousand other monarchs who have lived and died and been forgotten. But as a type, Ahaz has his present use. He stands forth vividly as one who did not play the king-game in king-fashion. He lost his crown and his soul.

Fathers and Sons

Now that the war is consuming the flower of many lands, we are facing certain great biological facts about fathers and sons. Ahaz represents a real problem in this. He was the bad son of a good father, and the bad father of a good son. It looks rather as if, in things of character, every life stands on its own feet. In his meaty little book, "The Many-sided David," Philip E. Howard deals wit

r my son."

Lor every father who is grieving

inight for a son dead in France, (I

ill feel the pressure of the handasp of one such), there are two clasp of one such), there are two who are mourning that their sons have played the fool, and gone, like Ahaz, into the great conformity of sin. It should be an influence with every noble boy that he has his father's happiness in his keeping. A reasonable incentive to clean living is the joy that will be brought to a father's heart. No rake ruins himself alone; he brings hurt and shamupon the one whom it is his first duty to honor. Of the other delicate and allied question, the disgrace which fathers sometimes bring upon sons, I do not here write.

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One thing essentially was with Ahaz: his mind was mudhis thinking was foggy and he no clear vision of the absolute eminence of right. Instead of which we have the statement of the control of the statement of t ng clear convictions, to which he would hold in spite of life and death

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