

## THE ACCADIAN WORD FOR KING.

I SEE that in the last number of the *Quarterly Statement*, Major Conder repeats the erroneous statement that *ku* in Accado-Sumerian signified "king." Let me once more assure him that it did nothing of the kind, and that he must have misunderstood Mr. Pinches and Mr. Bertin if he believes that they think otherwise. There is, it is true, a character which may be read *uk*, and which denotes "king," but the reading is probably something quite different, and *uk* is not *ku*.

Mr. Budge does not profess to know Amardian, or "Medic," and in the passage to which Major Conder alludes he was merely reproducing Morris's "makeshift" reading of the word for "king." The correct reading is *amin* or *unan*; the word *ko* does not exist.

After this I hope we shall hear no more of a *ku* or *ko* "king."

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## THE TELL ES-SALAHYEH MONUMENT.

THIS monument was first noticed by the late Rev. J. L. Porter, D.D., and described by him in his "Five Years in Damascus." It afterwards disappeared, and, when I went out to Palestine in 1865, I was instructed by the Committee to search for it and make excavations in the Tell. The excavations resulted in the re-discovery of the slab, which was afterwards sent to England by the late Mr. Rogers, then H.M. Consul at Damascus, and is now with the exhibit of the Palestine Exploration Fund in the South Kensington Museum. The circumstances are detailed in my report to the Committee, printed in 1866.

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