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Dr. Peretz Bernstein, 1961.

*The Festival Volume for 61-10
Dr Peretz Bernstein*

I have learned with deep satisfaction that a Festival Volume is to be presented to Dr. Peretz Bernstein by his friends in honor of his seventieth birthday. I should like to add my word of affectionate tribute to Dr. Bernstein who has been a source of light and leading to our people throughout the world for many years and to whom many of us are personally indebted for inspiration and guidance.

Dr. Bernstein ^{afforded} the outstanding gifts of his heart and mind, his scholarship and learning, to the cause of his people's renaissance and to the re-establishment of the State of Israel. He taught his generation to face the problem of the position of the Jewish people in the Western world realistically and forthrightly, and like all ~~of~~ his distinguished predecessors in our historic movement, he pointed steadily and courageously to the only solution of that problem -- ~~an~~ independent national existence in a sovereign Jewish State.

His learning and wisdom, his penetrating insights and intellectual integrity lent force and conviction to his written and spoken word ever since his early years in Holland. His balanced judgment and his sound and progressive sociological and economic approach to the many ^{difficult} ~~different~~ problems which have confronted the new State of Israel since its establishment, have been an invaluable source of guidance and direction to many of his followers and disciples and have been greatly esteemed even by those who ^{could} ~~did~~ not fully share his convictions.

That his active career is still at flood-tide ~~and~~ is a source of rejoicing to all of us who wish this valiant son of Israel many more years of creative effort and achievement. In the words of the Psalmist, may he continue to bring forth fruit in his old age...

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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