

We must return on another occasion to Mr. Churchill's very grave and cautious remarks on Palestine. "The only cause of unrest in Palestine," he said, "arose from the Zionist movement, and from our promises and pledges in regard to it." That is a significant truth on which our readers will do well to ponder. But for the Zionists we might have administered Palestine with a corporal's guard. The Turks never had any trouble there, except perhaps at the Easter festival at Jerusalem, and we should have been equally fortunate. But the Zionist movement and the violent religious animosities that it has stirred up have made the once peaceful little country a veritable hotbed of discontent. Fortunately, Palestine is small; its inhabitants number barely three-quarters of a million. But though the military problem of preserving order is not serious, the political problem raised is exceedingly important and affects the whole Jewish and Moslem world. Mr. Churchill declared on the one hand that Jewish immigration must be carefully restricted, and on the other that "there was really nothing for the Arabs to be frightened about." He tried to soothe the parties with fair words. But so long as the Zionists claim political domination in Palestine, and appear to exercise it indirectly through a Jewish High Commissioner who, as Mr. Churchill said, is "a most ardent Zionist," there will, we fear, be a continuance of the unrest.