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WHAT IS THE ROUND TABLE ?

The Round Table movement is an invitation to thoughtful men and women everywhere to join in the study of the meaning of the Empire and of the problems presented by it. It is not committed to any particular form of Imperial reconstruction, but it *is* committed to the cultivation of the fundamental idea that some system of Imperial union is a necessity.

The movement is represented by Groups of people formed first in the Dominions and afterwards in Great Britain, who believe that the British Empire shows a continuous development, that it is in a transitional stage, and that in its present form it presents a Problem. The voluntary co-operation of such Groups for investigation and study is a method which will appeal to everyone. The aim of these circles is simple and straightforward—the creation of a basis of popular education for the support of the statesmen to whom we entrust the handling of our future.

It is by no means necessary that the men and women comprising the Groups should have the same experience or the same training. They will have no difficulty in agreeing, in any case, upon the following general principles, which will provide a common starting point for the enquiry:

1. That Canada has shown her determination to preserve and strengthen the ties which now bind her to Great Britain and other portions of the British Commonwealth.
2. That effective organization of the Empire must not involve any sacrifice of responsible government in domestic affairs or the surrender of control over fiscal policy by any portion of the Empire.