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THE ROUND TABLE QUARTERLY.

The first number of The Round Table quarterly was published in November, 1910. It was founded by a group of men who had undergone a memorable experience in South Africa at a great crisis in the history of the British Empire, and the purpose with which it was started has been steadily maintained. This purpose was, and is, to provide a continuous record, unspoiled by the influence of local party differences, of the larger affairs of the Empire as a whole, and of each of its great Dominions and Dependencies.

All those associated with the conduct of The Round Table have had this conviction in their hearts: namely, that there is a vital unity in this Commonwealth composed of a quarter of the human race; that the world is undergoing changes under which a continuance of the Empire's unity may demand reconstruction of its internal relations; that its preservation is of vital interest to all its parts, and to the peace and happiness of the world; and, finally, that under these circumstances the best service that can be rendered to the Empire is to provide reliable and non-partisan information of events and opinions within the Empire and in the world at large, so far as they mutually affect each other. And this is what The Round Table quarterly is doing.