

NATURE AND OBJECTS  
—OF THE—  
**IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.**

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At a Conference held in London on July 29, 188 , the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P., in the chair, it was unanimously resolved:—

1 That in order to secure the permanent unity of the Empire, some form of Federation is essential.

2. That for the purpose of influencing public opinion, both in the United Kingdom and the Colonies, by showing the incalculable advantages which will accrue to the whole Empire from the adoption of such a system of organization, a Society be formed of men of all parties, to advocate and support the principles of Federation.

At the adjourned Conference, held on Tuesday, 18th November, 1884, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

That a Society be now formed, to be called "The Imperial Federation League."

That the object of the League be to secure by Federation the permanent unity of the Empire.

That no scheme of Federation should interfere with the existing rights of Local Parliaments as regards local affairs.

That any scheme of Imperial Federation should combine on an equitable basis the resources of the Empire for the maintenance of common interests, and adequately provide for an organized defence of common rights.

That the League use every constitutional means to bring about the object for which it is formed and invite the support of men of all political parties.

That the membership of the League be open to any British subject who accepts the principles of the League, and pays a yearly registration fee of not less than one shilling.