

^{suggestion}
It was at his ~~instigation~~ that the Institute's Sections and Branches were initiated and established. ^{were developed.} Past-President Professor Charles F. Scott describes this epoch-making period of the Institute's history in brief as follows:

Memorandum regarding R.W.Pope from ^{Prof.} Charles F. Scott - Pope

" In the spring of 1902 while the vote for President of the Institute was being canvassed, Secretary Pope said to me, "Mr. Scott, it seems pretty certain that you will be the next President and I want to suggest that this will be an opportune time to develop local meetings of the Institute. There are ^{now} such meetings in Chicago, and they were held for a time by the St. Paul-Minneapolis group. This is an enterprise which I have been considering for a long time but have not received active support. It seems to me that you might take up the extension of local meetings during your administration." I replied that I would vigorously support his proposal as it was a practical means of expanding institute activities geographically; it would extend to distant members the new interest and impetus which Dr. Steinmetz (then president) was giving to the monthly meetings in New York.

The appointment of a committee on local organizations was made at the first meeting in the fall and at my suggestion this committee was authorized to establish student branches as well as sections among the Institute members. While President and committees gave support to the project, it was the enthusiasm and indefatigable interest of Secretary Pope ^{that} which was one of the strong contributing factors in the development of the sections and branches which have so amply justified the vision and ~~the~~ efforts of the faithful Secretary who served the Institute during its first quarter of a century.

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