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At the first regular meeting held six days later, the constitution and by-laws ( drafted by the ~~exec~~ committee appointed for the purpose, assisted by Mr. Lee, Major Carpenter and Senator Smith ) were adopted and the fact that the constition has been little changed to this day, bears mute testimony that the little society must have been founded on very sound lines and high principles to provide for its development into what is regarded today as the largest organization of women in the world.

For ~~was~~ we know the movement has spread not only to England , Scotland and Wales and many of the oferseas dominions, including India, and South Africa but also to Belguim, France, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Germany, Hungary,-- in fact to almost every quarter of the globe until the recent Great War occurred which has disrupted conditions , particularly in Europe....

At the second meeting of the "Mother Institute, a paper on "The proper Feeding of Children", and at the next meeting an address on "The Child in Health and Disease" given by Dr. Mabel Henderson. was given. Thus you see that the women in the earliest days were blazing the trail along "Health "& "ChildWelfare" lines that we later followed.

At their very early meetings they had papers , addresses and demonstrations on such subjects as "Child Culture", "Sunshine in the Home," "First Aid to the Injured," "Homemaking vs. Housekeeping", .Thus you see that our pioneer women were not interested as many believe in the "art of cookery" alone, but in everything pertaining to the improvement of the home and its surroundings, from a physical intellectual , social and moral standpoint.

Miss M.U. Watson was among the first outside speakers and Miss Laura Rose (Stephen) was the first government speaker. 1899