

As all the proceedings were in French, it was unavoidable that a large and important share of the work connected with the preparation and revision of the minutes fell to the secretaries of the French delegation, who most readily devoted to this, at times, arduous work their remarkable skill and unfailing patience. We feel that, as representatives of the Power whose plenipotentiary had the honour of presiding over the Conference, we are under a special obligation in this respect to M. de Sillac and the Baron Clauzel, which we wish gratefully to acknowledge. Both as regards the general work of the Conference and in assisting more directly the British Delegation, Mr. Norman was ably seconded by Mr. Tufton, whose zeal, capacity, and unwearied attention at all times much facilitated our labours, and by Mr. Bray, whose knowledge, judgment, and advice proved on more than one occasion of the greatest service in dealing with technical questions of importance.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

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