

The work of compilation has been delayed by the non-receipt of papers from some of the sections. It was hoped to have had a complete return before Christmas, but this for various reasons given by Conveners was impossible. It was thought better to wait than to have the Sections incomplete.

In order to keep the volumes within the prescribed limit, namely, 500 pages each, it was necessary to condense many admirable addresses which the editor would gladly have given in full. However, if in some cases matter was left out, the condensation was made with care, and if possible under the contributor's supervision.

May I quote in conclusion the words of one of the delegates which express the exact feeling of those engaged in the work chronicled here:—"That underlying all our differences of education, outlook, environment, our lack of insight, our dull misunderstandings, we saw in those wonderful meetings something of the underlying unity, something of the need for spreading and sustaining that intelligent good will among the women of all nations which is the best justification for the existence of the International Council of Women."

M. EDGAR,

President of the National Council of Women of Canada.*

[The Editor of this and the succeeding volume greatly regrets that in several instances it has been found impossible to locate valuable papers and reports of interesting addresses. They have, therefore, perforce been omitted. With regard to papers sent in but not read, the general policy has been followed, owing to exigencies of space, of leaving them out, except in special cases.]

*While this volume was in the press, the beloved President of the Canadian Council passed away in London, England.