

clear statements were to be made on all points of agreement among modern historians as well as on all points still at issue.

"During the years 1937 and 1938 the Joint Committee and the Commissions were mainly occupied in carrying out this plan. Many difficulties had to be conquered. The right people had to be found and persuaded to do the work; funds had to be raised by the Norden Associations; conferences between co-operating authors had to be arranged; and draft accounts had to be circulated among the respective authors and commissions. In some cases, notably where Finland and Sweden were concerned, it proved very difficult for the scholars to agree whether "joint" or "parallel" accounts should be used. In other instances scholars were not able to begin or complete their work as quickly as supposed.

"Within the Joint Committee itself opinions differed as to the manner of publication. One group preferred a series of small booklets, each to cover just one disputed question. The other wanted to unite the material on all eight questions in one volume. As time passed, however, some manuscripts were completed while others were not even begun; so it was finally decided to publish those which were at hand in a single volume. The editing was left to the same group that had edited the account of the revision work (a committee of four persons consisting of the secretaries of the Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish Commissions). Early in 1940 the first volume of Disputed Questions in Nordic History appeared (Norden Associations' Historical Publications II). Within its 139 pages this volume embraced four essays, all of the "joint" type. On a very few points reservations were made by one or other of the cooperating scholars; but for the most part there was agreement on the texts presented. The