

Referred to Committee on Distribution of papers.

The Report of J. R. Miller, Esq., past President, as Delegate to National Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland and the International Council, was read by the President.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Miller gave a very interesting account, in detail, of his reception by individual members of the Order, as well as by the National Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland, held on the 15th September 1876; also of its proceedings and the organization of the International Council at Edinburgh, on the 18th September, 1876. The following account of his reception, is from the *Temperance Star* :—

“In order to allow Mr. Miller, of Canada, to take part in the debates thereon, and to become *ex officio*, a member of the National Lodge, the President said,

We have the happiness of having with us a brother from Canada, who represents the great organization there which during the past year has united itself with us (cheers). I am only expressing your feelings when I say how happy we are that that matter has been consummated, and I am only giving utterance to your feelings when I tell Bro. Miller that we accord to him a very earnest, hearty, and affectionate welcome amongst us, and that he will not only enjoy himself while in the old country, but while he strengthens us he himself will be strengthened also.

The President then welcomed Bro. Miller, and invited him to take part in the deliberations. Mr. Miller, who was well received, said,

Mr. President, I thank you sincerely, for the very hearty welcome you have accorded to me and to the people of Canada, whom I represent. I convey to you the fraternal greetings of some 30,000 members of the association in Canada. We have peace within our borders, and we thank God for it. Just before coming to England I attended our National Lodge, to which some brethren came 1,500 miles. We had a session extending over a week, and during that time we think we have laid a temperance foundation upon which we shall be able to rear a noble structure. It has been with us as with you too much nonsensical work in connection with our temperance organizations, and we have now come down to something simple and plain, and I am delighted to find that you and we are working very much in the same way. It seems as if the same mind that pervaded you pervaded us at that meeting. We then formed a union between the British Templars and the British American Templars, under the name of the United Temperance Order. The best of feeling prevails