

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Nearer my God to Thee," followed by a short exhortation and prayer by Mrs. Dr. Jacques, of Albert College, Belleville; and the same holy influence which had so characterized the opening session was felt, more especially as each present sang that "prayer song,"

"E'en though it be a Cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my songs shall be—
Nearer my God to Thee,
Nearer to Thee."

Then came the reception of delegates. The following were present:—Mrs. Harrison, Miss Bowes, Milton; Mrs. Orchard, Mrs. Brethour, Mrs. Judge Jones, Brantford; Mrs. Perkis, Mrs. Fawcett, Thornhill; Mrs. Crafrae, London; Mrs. Harvie, Miss Clark, Mrs. Kimble, Dr. Trout, Mrs. Tompson, Toronto; Mrs. Dr. Jacques, Miss Bilbrough, Belleville; Mrs. McCracken, Mrs. Mitchel, Mrs. Wetheral, Newmarket; Mrs. Cairswell, Mrs. Day, Oshawa; Mrs. Smith, Miss Huff, Miss M. Phelps, St. Catharines; Mrs. Doyle, Owen Sound.

The president then delivered her address. She said that as she was suffering from a severe attack of asthma, she would be brief. After having seen in her travels so much of the desolation of homes, families, and societies by strong drink, she felt more than ever that her life should be consecrated to the work of Temperance. She had hastened home from the lower Provinces to attend the Convention, and had found everywhere, the ladies banded together, irrespective of sects, and parties, and working and praying for the suppression of the liquor traffic. In Halifax and several counties adjoining it, the temperance people expected to carry the popular vote, and bring in force the new prohibition laws. The leading ladies, and influential temperance men intended to test the validity of the Dunkin and Crooks Acts, and see if they cannot be put in force. *Protection* is now a great cry, and has been sufficient to carry the Dominion Parliament. The women of Canada want *Protection*. They need it, and will yet have it. Protection from the liquor traffic is what is wanted, and if the Acts that have been passed are not sufficient, let us have more Legislation, and better. The day is not far distant when the rum-seller's trade will be branded here as in Maine,—*"The crime of crimes."* If there were no law against stealing, it would be called a *vice*, not a crime. If there were a law