

“ In this the house of my friend has ever any been such as this my baby ? ” and always the answer was “ yes. ” Then she took up her baby and sat upon a stone and said, “ Alas ! this is a heavy task that I have undertaken. ” And presently a light shone upon her and she said : “ No ! I shall not seek for the mustard seed ; I cannot find it. This has not not happened to me alone ; it happens to all. I will bury my baby and go back to my good man and tell him I cannot find the seed. ” She laid her baby in the earth and returned to Buddha, who asked her if she had found the seed, and she replied : “ No. ” Buddha asked her what she had done with her baby, and she answered that she had buried him, and that her heart was sick for all those who had suffered as she had.

Then Buddha said ; “ Sister, you have found the mustard seed. ” That is

THE LITTLE GRAIN THAT BECAME THE FIRST COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

She went and taught other women how to tend their babies. She told her husband, “ Our child is dead, but I am going to teach myself, so that if I should have another child I can train him. ”

Mrs. Leonowens concluded by urging the ladies to co-operate for the purpose of overcoming those evils which are existing in Halifax, and thanked Her Excellency for her address.

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### THE PROVISIONAL OFFICERS.

Upon motion of Mrs. M. E. Keefe and Mrs. Charles Archibald, it was resolved :

“ That the members of the local council be formed of the presidents or representatives of the organizations joining the council ; and that the following officers be appointed provisionally until the further general meeting of the council. ”

President.—Mrs. J. C. Mackintosh.

Vice-Presidents.—Hon. Mrs. Montgomery-Moore, Miss O'Brien, Mrs. H. H. Fuller, Mrs. Richey, Mrs. Courtney, Mrs. R. L. Borden and Mrs. W. S. Fielding.

Treasurer.—Mrs. J. W. Longley.

Corresponding Secretary.—Miss Henry.

Recording Secretary.—Mrs. Leonowens.

Mrs. Daly is ex-officio Vice-President for the province.