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## NOTES FROM KINGSTON.

Kingston—a city of interest and dignity. The First Church—a handsome and commodious building. The Circles of First Church and Union Street Church—"diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." The officers, delegates and visitors—capable, interested, alert, giving help, receiving inspiration, the kind of women who make the world a better place to live in. The programme—well planned and comprehensive. Such was the Eastern Convention to those who were there.

Yes, to those who were there! Oh, the pity of it! that so many who might have been, were not. To be sure, Kingston is a long way from some places, but it is also near some others, and, sad to relate, the delegates from these others did not come in such numbers that they needed a private car to bring them. The ones who were there, received inspiration and gave help—the ones who were not, lost another opportunity for both.

The pages of the Eastern Association always add a touch of brightness and sweetness—little girls in white frocks, introduced by the President, and always at hand to carry messages back and forth between platform and audience.

The report of the completion of the Claxton Memorial Fund was a story of triumph accomplished well within the time set. Considerably more than the amount needed came in to the Treasurer, \$2,907.31. Every single Circle in the Convention contributed, and of all the pledges taken to cover a period of three years, all but two were paid in full. In India there

is now built and in use the splendid new chapel-schoolhouse, and within is a brass tablet, telling that it was erected by the Baptist women of Eastern Ontario and Quebec as a memorial to their first and honored President, Mrs. T. J. Claxton.

Mrs. Ramsay's report of Bands was full of helpful suggestions gathered from here and there. For instance, Coaticook Band had a New England supper, which helped their treasury very considerably. Delta increases its income by soliciting and obtaining Honorary Band members from the fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts. Another Band is training its members to take their part in devotional meetings, so that very young boys and girls can and do lead in prayer. Rockland wins and keeps the interest of its boys by having them as officers, and their part in the "Busy Work" meetings is to buy material for the girls to sew into garments. Westmount Band is noteworthy in being a graded Band, where promotions are carried on in a systematic way.

Some questions were asked concerning the sending of cards and picture rolls to India. Picture rolls like the ones used in the Sunday Schools and any kind of pretty picture card or Christmas card, with the writing covered over by a blank piece of paper so that the missionary can write a message on it, if desired, are wanted.

The address of all missionaries will be found in the LINK directory, and the package ought to be sent by newspaper post, open at ends, and costing one cent for two ounces.