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## INSTRUCTION A SAFEGUARD TO PURITY.

(Paper read at meeting of Gisborne W.C.T.U. by Rev. James Aitken.)

Mrs President and Ladies,—I esteem it indeed a high privilege to be invited to address your meeting this afternoon. This is indeed the first occasion on which I have had the honour of speaking to any branch of the W.C.T.U., and I cannot but take the opportunity of expressing my ad-

miration of the Union and my warm sympathy with its aims. I have been deeply impressed by the breadth and variety of your interests. While, perhaps, putting temperance first, and giving it prominence in the name by which you call yourselves, there is no question affecting the spiritual or moral or physical, or even material good of the community which does not find a place within the scope of your 27 departments. And all questions of whatever nature you regard from

the highest of standpoints, as your name of Christian Union indicates. While I am debarred by an unfortunate accident of sex from being enrolled among your members, I am always keenly interested in your work, and it will be a pleasure to me at any time to be of use to you in any way in which I can serve you. I congratulate you most heartily on the strength of your Branch here, and on the energy which, I believe, office-bearers and members put into their work. It