

PORTLAND, N. B.,
1st August, 1882.

*To the Directors of the "WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION
OF THE TOWN OF PORTLAND:"*

THE Building in which we are now assembled was erected through the earnest and continued efforts of the "WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION OF THE TOWN OF PORTLAND," and the kind aid of many friends. The objects in view were to secure such a building as would provide ample accommodation for Lectures, Meetings, and the working Committees of the organization. I feel sure that you will cordially unite with me in the opinion that "UNION HALL" fully meets these requirements.

The promoters of this good work were naturally desirous to add all attractions within their power, in order to increase the usefulness of the UNION. This having been brought to my attention, I deemed it a fitting opportunity to carry to completion a scheme which I have long had in contemplation; viz., to establish a Public Library and Reading-Room in the Town of Portland. It affords me gratification that I have been permitted to carry out this long-cherished wish, and that I am now enabled to present to the Directors, for the benefit of the Town of Portland, a fully furnished and equipped Library and Reading-Room. The Library comprises History, Biography,