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WITH the issue of the present number, 'The Library' completes the thirteenth year of its existence as a periodical, and the third volume of its new quarterly series. We have now decided to bring its career to a close. It is impossible to give up, without some regret, a magazine which has existed for so many years, and the regret is heightened by the fact that with the cessation of 'The Library' there will be no independent English magazine willing to confine itself to serious articles on bibliography and library lore; whereas most other civilized countries possess one or more periodicals with this object. Just at present, however, it would appear that British book-lovers prefer to work through the various publishing societies which of late years have multiplied and flourished so remarkably, and that while a magazine may occasionally divert papers from these, there is hardly sufficient work being done outside the societies to provide even a quarterly periodical with a constant supply of good articles. So long as the work is done, it matters little by what agency it is published. During the thirteen years of its existence, 'The Library' has constantly endeavoured to take a liberal view of the subjects

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and questions with which it has been concerned; and we hope that English bibliographers and librarians may always be ready to hear both sides, to accept new ideas, if they are worth accepting, and to link on their special studies with larger and wider interests. To all those who have helped 'The Library' during the past thirteen years we tender our most hearty thanks.

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