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In closing the 12th number of the PUBLIC HEALTH MAGAZINE, and thereby completing the first annual volume of this series, it is our first duty to return our warmest thanks to the subscribers who have so generously sustained us. There are disadvantages to which every new undertaking is liable, but on the whole we have reason to congratulate ourselves that our effort have been appreciated and our success in every way been equal to our most sanguine expectations. Space prevents our particularizing the course of some continued articles on many useful and important points, but our index is sufficiently full to afford facility for reference. The arrangements that we have been able to make during the year for promoting the important objects of the Magazine, will secure a full share of matter on all the vital subjects of Sanitary Science; and in addition to this a fair portion of our editorial matter will embrace reviews on the leading publications of the day, so that the next volume will contain not only Sanitary but scientific and literary matter, giving to our work the double character of essentially useful and practical information, as well as seeking to cultivate that taste for literary culture and studies, which just and well digested reviews are so eminently adapted to foster. Our negotiations to further this end are nearly matured, and we can confidently assure our subscribers that if the volume now completed has not disappointed them, the next will amply repay their continued patronage. Reiterating our thanks and soliciting our present subscribers and others who may be induced to add their names to our list, to signify their kind intention early, we shall enter upon the next volume with that confidence which a good cause always inspires, and which a generous support is so calculated to establish.

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