

## Twentieth Annual Address.

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In the closing lines of the Nineteenth Annual Address of Smith's Planetary Almanac for 1896, I stated that if the weather predictions were fairly successful they would be continued from year to year. I am pleased to say that letters of encouragement have reached me from every part of Canada and the United States, urging a continuance at least of the weather predictions.

Owing to press of business, added to the fact that in the past the Almanac has barely paid its working expenses, I decided, though with much regret, to discontinue the publication. Having issued a circular to this effect to all old subscribers, I was agreeably surprised at the demands made upon me for weather notes, and at the last moment de-