

TENTH ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Once more it is my privilege to address my friends. Thanks to their exertions the circulation of SMITH'S PLANETARY ALMANAC about doubled itself last issue. This, however encouraging, is not enough. The book is reliable, and its circulation should be again doubled, then doubled again, ere it will pay at its ridiculously low price. Last year my profit amounted to *twelve dollars*. Not one of my readers, I venture to say, would do so much for so little pecuniary return.

Yet, in the face of this, I have had to submit to the public charge by a Southern editor of "looking more to profits than to prophecy." This, however, was an individual case of spleen, my thanks being due to the press generally for their fair treatment of my efforts at elucidating probable weather changes.

What was said against my work did not discourage. Cast down for a season, I was not destroyed. When once a man takes hold of the weather subject with a view honestly to do his best to elucidate and reduce so vast a question to order, if he hopes to be at length successful there must be no relaxation of effort, no removing his hand from the plough; because the more he studies his subject the better he understands it. What is intricate at first becomes simple; what is mysterious grows plain, and the novice finally is proficient in his science. It is only after a number of years that his forecasts really become of sterling value to his fellow-men on account of their reliability. It then becomes the height of folly for him, a successful weather student, to make an un-studied forecast. He has a reputation to maintain.

Owing to an increased demand for information as regards Lunar Influence on Vegetation—SMITH'S PLANETARY ALMANAC being the only one on this Continent giving scientific information on this subject—I have extended the tables to suit all places from Lat. 20° up to 50° North.

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