

INTRODUCTORY.

During the last two years my correspondence on the subject of weather has been a heavy though cheerfully borne burden, inasmuch as it has afforded the best possible proof of the widely-spread interest taken in the subject of weather predictions, and that my efforts in this direction have met with a fair measure of success. It is in answer to the general demand of correspondents on both sides of the 45th parallel, and as a means of replying to constantly recurring questions, that I again issue my Almanac after a year's intermission.

In doing this I am aware that my efforts will be misunderstood by many and misrepresented by more, but I have the surety that there are a large number who will be as one with me in the attempt to discover the secret of recurring seasons of a like character and thus be able to establish beforehand the character of any particular season or month.

In attempting, as I do, to predict the weather for a year in advance, a fair allowance must be made for shortcomings, particularly toward the latter portions, which are seen less clearly than those at hand. Thus it is that the predictions are given in greater detail from December, 1880, to May 1881 (inclusive), and after that in more general terms for the summer months.

In following these predictions it is well to remember that as yet no attempt has been made to assign exact limits or boundaries to them, consequently dwellers at remote points must make due allowances for any discrepancies. It should not be forgotten, also, that the predictions respecting snow falls and drifts, of course, are intended especially for Canada and the bordering States, except when otherwise clearly mentioned. In addition, I claim the right always to revise and correct these forecasts during the winter's progress, should I see fit to do so, provided that this is done in advance of the period referred to.

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