

TWELFTH ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Again have my forecasts proved most successful. Again they have been spoken of, in public and in private; amidst the noise of gathered multitudes and in the quiet of the home circle—with unqualified approval. Hardly a day has passed that I have not received some recognition of their correctness, either by word spoken or by letter; I have received some attestation of the fact that SMITH'S PLANETARY ALMANAC contained forecasts that were of more than ordinary worth to those who were not too prejudiced to peruse them.

Such words of kindly praise as those I allude to could have but one effect, and that to stimulate to yet more careful calculation, yet more earnest study. In presenting the result of this calculation and study for the year 1889, I wish to thank all who have aided me in extending the sale of this book. The increase in circulation last year, I am sorry to say, was not as great as I anticipated, and I trust that my friends—everything depends upon them—will make a *double effort* this year. I am sure that they will, when I tell them that, thus far, the work does not pay. I am also sure that they feel that it should be made to pay.

That the weather can be foretold, despite all that sceptics say to the contrary, my readers have proved. That there is yet much to be done in the science of Planetary, or Astro-Meteorology, I admit. For this purpose I founded the Astro-Meteorological Association,—now in a most prosperous condition—for this purpose I ask my readers to place copies of this manual in the hands of persons who delight in observing weather changes, in studying the orbs of heaven, or, better still, who delight in both sciences, and combine them for the common benefit of man.

The "Weather forecasts" will, I think, be found even more extended this year than in previous years. With regard to the Astronomical matter, it also is fuller, besides my having added a table of the "Southings of the Planets," for the benefit of amateur Astronomers.

The Annual Report of the Astro-Meteorological Association will also be read with interest.

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