

ELEVENTH ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The last issue of SMITH'S PLANETARY ALMANAC may be said, without fear of contradiction, to have contained what proved, in all probability the most reliable forecasts of the weather for a year in advance, ever made and printed. Their accuracy has been universally allowed on all hands, until persons from whom I never expected fair play, much less encouragement, admitted that "there certainly must be a good deal of truth in the system pursued by Smith." Asked to explain my system, I have, by public lectures on "How I Forecast the Weather," as well as printed explanations in my Journal, *Astronomy and Meteorology*, done my best to meet the demand, proving repeatedly to the unprejudiced what I said in my preface for 1886, that "the Weather Forecasts are no more the result of guess work than are the Astronomical Calculations."

Last year, I asked my friends to double my circulation; and then to double it again, if they wished this book to pay. As a step towards the desired object, I have to thank them for increasing the circulation by about 1,500 copies in 1887 as compared with 1886. Keep on, friends, and, in a year or two you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your old weather student is at length getting paid for his work.

Since publishing my last annual, very encouraging progress has been made as regards the Astro-Meteorological Association, in fact, never before was this organization—of which I am proud of being the founder and President—possessed of such a large membership roll, neither had we ever before so much interest taken in our work.

During the spring of 1887, owing to the discontinuance of a journal to which I was a regular contributor, I was induced to commence the issue of *Astronomy and Meteorology*, a unique monthly, published at the modest figure of \$1.00 per annum, containing, amongst other things, my extended