

That Party will be prepared for anything
We have had a most lovely winter
We had a few days of wind & cold in
Nov. - but for several weeks the weather
has been as warm as October in N.E.
And such brilliant nights too it
seemed almost wicked to close ones
eyes & shut out their brightness - but the
mercilessness of Nature will often make
stranger appeals than its love of beauty -
Es. I am housekeeping on the hill -
There are five in our family - besides
much company - gentlemen staying several
days - Mr Chase of Washington left
yesterday after a visit of four days -
Mrs Earl is with me - takes charge
of the cooking department & fills
her son a lad of fifteen cuts wood &
J. C. Smith is with Dr as usual - In
the evening when we are unoccupied
with company he reads to us some
valuable treatise - history or something
entertaining - Dr & he went to Topeka
yesterday to attend the session of the
Legislature - I suppose Annette will
wonder where so many of us stay - so I
will tell her - C. & I have the new room
on the end - We have a nice spring