

The Herald of Freedom (Jan. 3d. 1857,) states, "until Wednesday morning last, but little snow had fallen during the season, and *that* little had disappeared. We have had less wind thus far than during either of the previous autumns. When we read the graphic descriptions of the inclement weather in the East, we are always glad, we are in Kansas, where we escape those conflicts of the elements, which are so severe in that portion of our Republic."

One of my Correspondents writes under date of Feb. 15th. 1857, "It is fine weather here, like April at the East." Feb. 16th. the Thermometer indicated at sunrise, 40° —at noon, 64° —at sunset, 60° F.

At Topeka, says the Kansas Tribune of Feb. 16th. 1857, "the Thermometer during the past few days has ranged from 30° to 70°," [F.] standing at the latter figure "last Saturday noon," the 14th. inst.

From the best information we can gather, we are satisfied that the winters are usually mild, and there is rarely sufficient snow for sleighing. A gentleman of high respectability told the writer, that soon after he took up his residence near Kansas, (which is now many years since,) he purchased an excellent, new sleigh, which he used a few times that winter, and before another opportunity occurred (several years subsequently) the vehicle was so far decayed as to be utterly unserviceable.

On the subject of *winter* weather we have dwelled

of the most severe snow storms known for a very long period. Sheep had to be dug from drifts three and four yards in depth; nearly 500 were lost by one farmer.

Nineteen persons were frozen to death in Petersburg, Va; eight persons residents along the line of road between Iowa City and Dubuque, Iowa.

In Wilmington, N. C., the snow was 3 inches deep; one fourth of an inch in depth is quite unusual. Cape Fear river was frozen over. At Welden, N. C. snow was 16 inches deep on a level. Persons crossed the Catawba river, (S. C.) on ice, astonishing the oldest inhabitants.

The Etowah river (Ga.) was frozen over, the ice being five inches thick. In Mobile the hydrants were frozen up. In Huntsville, (Ala.) they had 'a real arctic atmosphere;' the thermometer stood 6° below zero; ice was 3 to 4 inches thick; sleighing good. In Florida the weather was colder than the citizens have ever before experienced.