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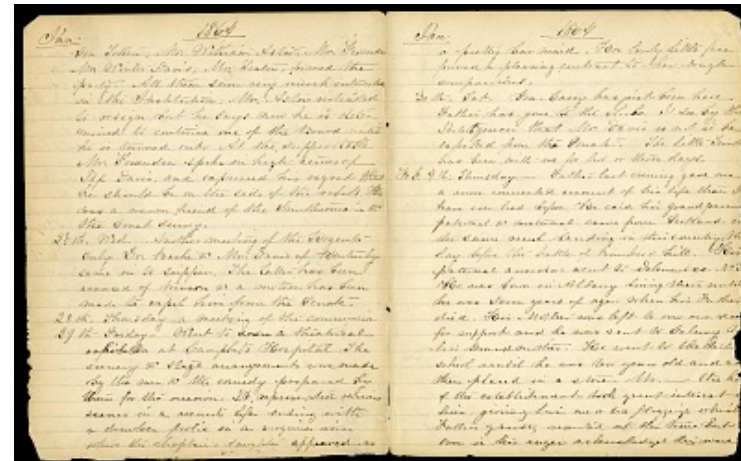
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 Gen Totten, Mr. William Astor, Mr. Fessenden Mr. Winter Davis, Mr. Seaton, formed the party. All them seem very much interested in the Institution. Mr. Astor intended to resign but he says now he is determined to continue one of the Board until he is turned out. At the supper table Mr. Fessenden spoke in high terms of Jef Davis and expressed his regret that he should be on the side of the rebels. He was a warm friend of the Smithsonian & the Coast Survey.
 27th. Wed. Another meeting of the Regents only Dr. Bache & Mr. Davis of Kentucky came in to supper. The latter has been accused of treason & a motion has been made to expel him from the Senate.
 28th. Thursday - a meeting of the commission
 29th Friday - Went to ~~theatrical~~ a theatrical exhibition at Campbel's Hospital. The scenery & stage arrangements were made by the men & the comedy prepared by them for the occasion. It represented various scenes in a recruit's life ending with a drunken frolic in a virginia inn where the chaplain's daughter appeared as
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 a pretty bar maid. Her lovely little face formed a pleasing contrast to her rough companions.
 30th. Sat. Gen. Casey has just been here Father has gone to the club. I see by The Intelligencer that Mr. Davis is not to be expelled from the Senate. The little Foundley has been with us for two or three days.
 Feb. 4th. Thursday.- Father last evening gave me a more connected account of his life than I have ever had before. He said his grandparents paternal & maternal came from Scotland in the same vessel landing in this country the day before the battle of Bunker's hill. His paternal ancestor went to Deleware co. N.Y. He was born in Albany living there until he was seven years of age, when his Father died. His Mother was left to ~~our~~ own ~~reco~~ for support and he was sent to Galway ~~to~~ his Grandmother. He went to the district school until he was ten years old and was there placed in a store. Mr. ____ the head of the establishment took great interest in him, giving him one or two floggings which Father greatly resented at the time but even in his anger acknowledged they were

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