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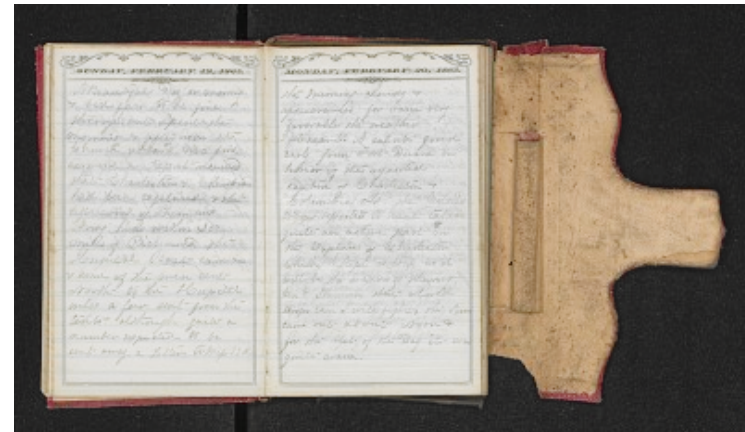
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A Beautiful Day or morning & bid fair to be fine throughout Spent the morning & afternoon at Church & heard two fine sermons. a Report received that Charleston & Columbia had been captured & the left wing of Shermans Army was within 25 miles of Richmond. the Hospital Boat came in and some of the men sent North to the Hospital only a few sent from the tents although quite a number expected to be sent away. a Letter to Miss SEA

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The morning cloudy & appearances for rain very favorable the weather pleasant. A salute fired early from Fort Duane in honor of the reported capture of Charleston & Columbia S.C. the Colored troops reported to have taken quite an active part in the Capture of Charleston which I hope is true as it will be the means of showing Genl Sherman that colored troops can & will fight. the Sun came out about Noon & for the rest of the Day it was quite warm.



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