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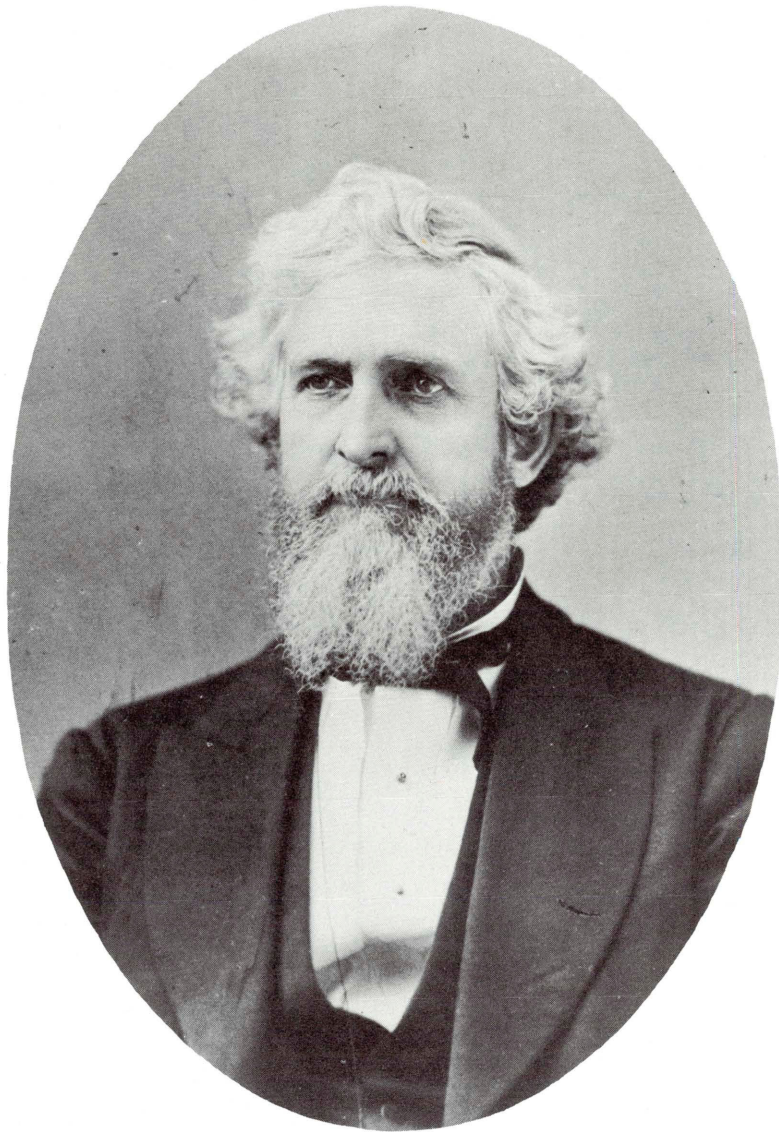


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Walter Webb Allport

1886-1887

Doctor Allport, of Chicago, was elected twenty-sixth president of the Association at the 1886 meeting at Niagara Falls. He had served as president of the "preliminary convention" of the Association in 1859, also held at Niagara Falls.

Doctor Allport opened his dental practice in Chicago in 1854. Over the years he excelled as a practitioner, essayist, teacher and speaker. He firmly believed that dentistry was a specialty of medicine and was the author of a resolution, adopted by the American Medical Association, calling for preliminary and professional education in dentistry equal to that of the best medical colleges.

Doctor Allport was considered the originator of the World's Columbian Dental Congress, held in Chicago in 1893. He was born in New York in 1824 and died in 1893.

The American Federation of Labor, headed by Samuel Gompers, was organized in 1886, succeeding the discredited Knights of Labor. The Interstate Commerce Act, designed to curb certain practices of the railway companies, was passed. The statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, a gift of the French people, was set up on Bedloe's Island, New York.