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# William H. Allen

1863-1864

Doctor Allen, of New York City, was elected third president of the Association at the 1863 meeting in Philadelphia. Doctor Allen read a paper on "Irregularity of the Teeth and its Treatment."

Doctor Allen was widely known as a most progressive dentist who pioneered in the use of gold for extensive restoration of defective teeth. Active in several dental societies, he was one of the incorporators, and later president of the board, of the New York College of Dentistry. He was born in 1821 and died in 1882.

In 1864 General Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies. General William T. Sherman marched through Georgia to the Atlantic Ocean, capturing Atlanta and Savannah. The Battle of Chattanooga and the Battle of the Wilderness (Spotsylvania) took place during Doctor Allen's term.