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# William Clay Barrett

## 1885-1886

Doctor Barrett, of Buffalo, was elected twenty-fifth president of the Association at the 1885 meeting in Minneapolis. *Transactions of the American Dental Association* for that year listed 238 members, of whom 168 attended the meeting.

Both the M.D. and D.D.S. degrees were conferred upon Doctor Barrett in 1880. After practicing dentistry in Buffalo, he was a professor at the University of Buffalo, at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and at Lake Forest University. Doctor Barrett was the author of numerous articles on dentistry and dental education. He served as editor of two journals, the *Independent Practitioner* and the *Dental Practitioner*. He was born in New York in 1834 and died in 1903.

Seven persons were killed and 66 injured in the Haymarket Square riot in Chicago in May 1886, which resulted from labor disputes. The first electric street railway in the United States began operation in Baltimore. Federal troops were dispatched to Rock Spring, Wyoming, where white miners attacked and massacred Chinese laborers.