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Charles Richard Butler

1888-1889

Doctor Butler, of Cleveland, was elected twenty-eighth president of the Association at the 1888 meeting in Louisville. This was a joint meeting with the Southern Dental Association.

Doctor Butler had been first vice president of the Association in 1887-1888. He was a doctor of medicine as well as a dentist. He served as president of the Ohio State Dental Society and the Cleveland Dental Society. He was born in Ohio in 1832 and died in 1914.

Benjamin Harrison was elected president in 1888, although Grover Cleveland had a greater popular vote. The Johnstown, Pennsylvania, flood killed at least 5,000 people. Oklahoma Territory was opened for settlement and quickly attracted more than 50,000 settlers.