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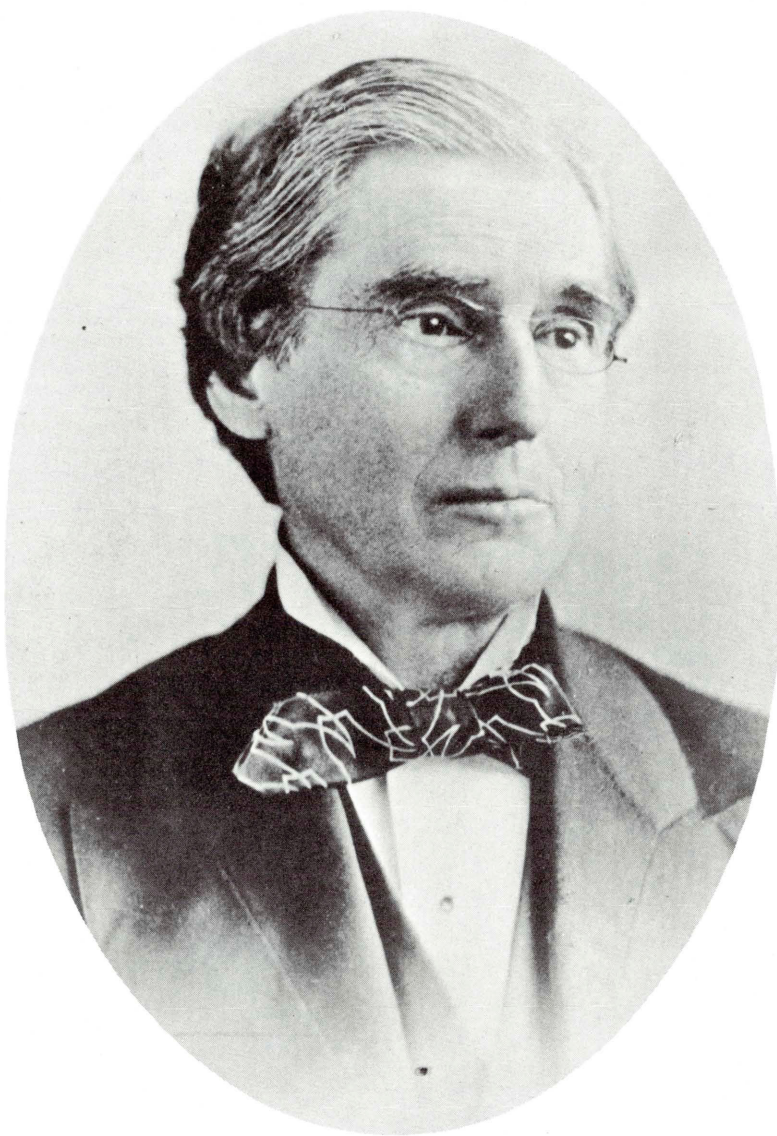
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# Mason Stillman Dean

1874-1875

Doctor Dean, of Chicago, was elected fourteenth president of the Association at the 1874 meeting in Detroit. He had served as recording secretary of the Association since 1869.

Doctor Dean practiced dentistry in Canada, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. He was president of the Illinois State Dental Society, of which he was one of the founders, in 1869, and was twice elected president of the Chicago Dental Society. He was born in Vermont in 1825 and died in 1882.

Congress enacted a civil rights law in 1875 guaranteeing equal rights to Negroes in public accommodations and jury duty. The law was invalidated by the Supreme Court in 1883. Sixteen distilleries were seized and 238 persons indicted in "whiskey frauds" by which the government was defrauded of taxes on distilled liquors.