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Alison Wright Harlan

1890-1891

Doctor Harlan, of Chicago, was elected thirtieth president of the Association at the 1890 meeting at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He had served as first vice president the two preceding years and as corresponding secretary from 1882 until 1887.

Doctor Harlan was professor of materia medica and therapeutics at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery for more than 20 years. He established the *Dental Review* and was its editor for many years. Doctor Harlan served as president of the Illinois and Chicago dental societies and as secretary of the World's Columbian Dental Congress. He was born in Indiana in 1851 and died in 1909.

The last major conflict between the Indians and United States troops was the Battle of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, December 1890. The first execution by electrocution took place at Auburn Prison, New York. The King of the Hawaiian Islands, David Kalakaua, traveled to Washington to negotiate tariffs. Eleven Italians who had been acquitted of murdering a police chief were taken from prison by citizens in New Orleans and massacred.