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# John Hugh McQuillen

## 1864-1865

Doctor McQuillen, of Philadelphia, was elected fourth president of the Association at the 1864 meeting at Niagara Falls. The original suggestion for the creation of the American Dental Association came from the pen of Doctor McQuillen, who wrote under the pseudonym "Junius." Doctor McQuillen had been chairman of the committee that drafted the Association's *Constitution and Bylaws*.

Doctor McQuillen conducted original research in dental histology and was particularly interested in microscopic work. He contributed articles to the dental literature on a wide variety of topics. Doctor McQuillen was very active in a number of dental organizations. From 1863 until his death in 1879, he was dean of the Philadelphia Dental College, of which he was one of the founders. After his presidency of the American Dental Association he became editor-in-chief of the *Dental Cosmos*. He was born in Philadelphia in 1826.

President Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, an actor, in Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., on April 14, 1865. Vice President Andrew Johnson became president. General Robert E. Lee surrendered his forces to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox (Virginia) Court House on April 9.