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# Luther Dimmick Shepard

1879-1880

Doctor Shepard, of Boston, was elected nineteenth president of the Association at the 1879 meeting at Niagara Falls. It was estimated that there were 12,000 practicing dentists in the United States at that time, and the Association voted to compile a complete directory of dentists, with the assistance of state societies.

Doctor Shepard, a general practitioner, was on the dental department staff of the Harvard Medical School from 1868 until 1879. He was the first president of the Massachusetts board of dentist registration, established in 1887. Doctor Shepard was president of the World's Columbian Dental Congress held in Chicago in 1893. He was born in Maine in 1838 and died in 1911.

Thomas A. Edison invented and patented the incandescent electric lamp in 1879. The tenth census revealed a total population of 50,155,783, an increase of 11,597,412 in ten years. The center of population was eight miles south of Cincinnati. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City opened.