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*A. A. Smith*

# Henry A. Smith

1881-1882

Doctor Smith, of Cincinnati, was elected twenty-first president of the Association at the 1881 meeting in New York City. The meeting was held a month earlier than usual so that members could accept an invitation to the International Medical Congress meeting in London. The invitation was considered a breakthrough for the profession of dentistry.

Doctor Smith was dean of the Ohio College of Dental Surgery for more than 30 years. During most of this time he also practiced dentistry in Cincinnati. He was born at Oxford, Ohio, in 1832 and died in 1913.

The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 prohibited Chinese laborers from entering the United States for ten years. Later legislation continued this policy until 1943. Electric lighting of Philadelphia streets was begun. Jesse James was shot and killed by two members of his own gang at St. Joseph, Missouri.