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# Christopher Waterman Spalding 1865-1866

Doctor Spalding, of St. Louis, was elected fifth president of the Association at the 1865 meeting in Chicago. One hundred and twenty-four members attended the meeting, representing 35 dental societies.

In his presidential address, Doctor Spalding made recommendations for the improvement of dental education. He strongly favored the development of schools devoted exclusively to the education of dentists. He served on the Committee on Dental Pathology and Surgery. Doctor Spalding was one of the organizers of the Western Dental Society in 1851. He was born in Rhode Island in 1814 and died in 1896.

The thirteenth amendment, abolishing slavery, was ratified in December 1865. In 1866, a civil rights act, providing citizenship to all persons born in the United States, was passed over President Johnson's veto. President Johnson issued a proclamation of amnesty for persons who had rebelled against the United States.