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**Albert Vander Veer, M.D.**  
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Dr. Vander Veer was born in the town of Root, NY, near Canajoharie in 1841. He was educated in the Canajoharie public schools and worked in a pharmacy as a boy. Dr. Vander Veer attended lectures at Albany Medical College but received his medical degree from George Washington University. He served in the Civil War as a surgeon with the 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New York Volunteers serving from 1862-1865. During his service in the Civil War he was present at Appomattox and at the historic meeting between Grant and Lee. In 1869 he became Professor of Anatomy at Albany Medical College, Professor of Surgery in 1876 and Dean of the College in 1896. Additionally, he served in the Albany Hospital as Surgeon in Chief and Senior Consulting Surgeon. His many other contributions included serving as regent of the University of the State of New York, the Education Department of the State for 32 years, and serving as President of his county and state medical societies, President of the American Surgical Association, President of the American Association of Obstetricians, Gynecologists and Abdominal Surgeons, and President of the American Medical Association.