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**Willis Gaylord Tucker, M.D., Ph.D.**  
**Dean 1914-1915**

Born in Albany, New York in 1849, Dr. Willis Gaylord Tucker would later become the seventh Dean of Albany Medical College. He graduated from Albany Medical College in 1870, but his underlying interest was in teaching chemistry. Although he had an M.D., he never practiced medicine, instead concentrating on teaching. His love of chemistry and teaching motivated him to become one of the founders of the Albany College of Pharmacy in 1881. He started teaching at Albany Medical College in 1871. While at Albany Medical College he taught chemistry, materia medica and toxicology, in addition to holding teaching positions at the Albany College of Pharmacy, Albany High School, and Albany Academy among others. He also performed many administrative duties at Albany Medical College, including serving as the registrar, Secretary of the Association of Alumni of the College and finally serving as Albany Medical College Dean from 1914-1915. In addition to his teaching positions he was also involved with many professional organizations, such as the New York State Board of Health, the Board of Medical Examiners, and served as Director of the State Department of Health from 1901-1907.