

W. L. R. Emmet

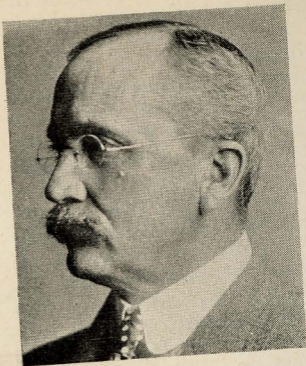
W. L. R. Emmet

(A'93, M'94, member for life)

Honorary Member 1933

Edison Medalist 1919

AT THE time William LeRoy Emmet began his career in the electrical industry some 50 years ago, he was noted for his desire to explore new fields of engineering, rather than to work in those in which considerable development work had been done. This characteristic has continued throughout his life. Doctor Emmet was born in Pelham, N. Y., July 10, 1859. In 1881 he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, remaining in the Navy for 2 years thereafter. In 1887 he joined the Sprague Electric Company, then engaged in the historic electric railway developments at Richmond, Va., and at other cities. After short periods with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and the Buffalo (N. Y.) Railway Company he went to Chicago as district engineer for the newly formed Edison General Electric Company. In 1892 he was transferred to the New York office of the company, which later became the General Electric Company. In 1900 Doctor Emmet started his work on the Curtis steam turbine, and he continued its development until recent years, when his attention turned to the mercury vapor power process in which activity he has again been singularly successful. He is now a consulting engineer of the General Electric Company. Doctor Emmet was elected an Honorary Member of the Institute May 22, 1933, and in 1919 received the Edison Medal. Other medals have been awarded him. He has served the Institute on several of its committees, and was vice-president 1900-02. He is also a past vice-president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.



W. L. R. EMMET