

WILLIAM STANLEY DIES.

Electrical Engineer Famous for His
Important Inventions.

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—William Stanley, an electrical engineer whose inventions made possible the transmission of power and light over long distances, and holder of the Edison medal, regarded as the highest award for electrical attainments in this country, died this morning at his home here, in his fifty-ninth year. When he was 32 years old he became internationally famous for building the first alternating current device adapted to the transmission of light and power to great distances.

Mr. Stanley was born in Brooklyn, and was a son of the late William Stanley and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parsons Stanley. He was graduated from the Williston Seminary at Easthampton, Mass., and entered Yale University with the class of 1881. Becoming interested in electricity, Mr. Stanley left the university before the completion of his course and took up experimental work. Not long after this he invented his alternating current device, which was soon followed by the electrical transformer now in general use.

During 1885-88 Mr. Stanley was chief engineer of the Westinghouse Electric Company, and in 1890 became head of the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company, where he remained for five years. For the next three years he was a consulting electrical engineer, and then, in 1898, became head of the Stanley Instrument Company, with which he was connected until 1903.

Mr. Stanley married Miss Lila C. Wetmore of Englewood, N. J., in 1884.