

W. S. LEE.

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Mr. Lee  
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William States Lee was born in Lancaster, South Carolina, January 28, 1872, and was awarded the degree of C. E. by the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, in 1894; Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science, Davidson College, N. C., 1929.

Following his early engineering experience he was appointed Resident Engineer at the Anderson (S.C.) Light and Power Company in 1897; Resident Engineer of the Columbus (Ga.) Power Company in 1898, and Chief Engineer of the latter in March 1902. In March, 1903, he was appointed Chief Engineer and in October of that year Vice-President and Chief Engineer of the Catawba Power Company, Charlotte, N. C. This Company was a subsidiary of the Southern Power Company and in 1905 he became Chief Engineer of the latter company. He later received the appointment of Vice-President and Chief Engineer, which position he held for about fifteen years. He is at present Vice-President and Chief Engineer of the Duke Power Company.

Among Mr. Lee's other connections the following should be included: President of the W. S. Lee Engineering Corporation; President and Chief Engineer of the Piedmont and Northern Railway Company; Vice-President and Chief Engineer and Director, Duke Power Company, Wateree Power Company, Western Carolina Power Company, Catawba Manufacturing and Electric Power Company; Director, American Cyanamid Company; Vice-Chairman and Trustee of the Duke Endowment. He is also engaged in practice as a Consulting Engineer with an office in New York City and Charlotte, N. C.

He has been a pioneer in high voltage hydro-electric power development and transmission, and is inventor of the Lee Pin. His



Institute activities are as follows: Associate 1904, Member 1907, Fellow 1913, Director 1911-14 and 1929-, and member for several years of the Committee on Power Transmission and Distribution, Standards Committee, and Committee on Power Generation, being at present a member of the latter two and of the Edison Medal Committee.

Mr. Lee's other Society memberships include American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Engineering Institute of Canada, American Electro-Chemical Society, and the American Engineering Council.