

EDWIN J. HOUSTON DEAD.

Scientist and Inventor Was Chicago
World's Fair Electrician.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—Edwin J. Houston, scientist, inventor, author, patent expert and worker in boys' organizations, died here to-day from heart disease.

For many years Prof. Houston occupied the chair of Natural Philosophy and Physical Geography in the Central High School of this city. He also was an expert in electricity and was twice President of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and was chief electrician at the World's Fair in Chicago.

Edwin J. Houston was born at Alexandria, Va., on July 9, 1847. He was graduated from the Central High School in 1864 and later received the honorary degree of Ph. D. at Princeton. He was one of the inventors of the Thomson-Houston system of arc lighting. He was Emeritus Professor of Physics at Franklin Institute, Professor of Physics at the Medico-Chirurgical College, and a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and the American Philosophical Society.

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