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In 1883, Professor of Physics William A. Anthony was encouraged by Andrew Dickson White to establish a Department of Electrical Engineering at Cornell University. In 1885, President White awarded the first degrees in the new discipline, a Ph.D. (the nation's first in electrical engineering) and three bachelor's degrees. Professor Anthony also supervised the design and construction of the first American direct-current generator, the famous "Anthony Dynamo," exhibited at several expositions at the turn of the twentieth century and still in storage on the Cornell campus.

