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Thesis: *Proposed Electrification of Chicago Terminal of C. B. & Q. R. R.*

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On the first of May, 1888, when most people were signing leases on property for the ensuing year, W. G. Martin signed his lease on life. He was born in Chicago and it was in this busy city that he received his education. He spent his early school days at the Kozminski Grammar School and later attended the Hyde Park High School. When he graduated from high school, he, like thousands of other boys who have just completed high school, decided to go to work. One year of work sufficed for him, his good common sense telling him that a technical education would net him more in the long run than would an early start in the business world.

In 1908, he enrolled in the electrical engineering course at Armour and since that time has applied himself diligently to his work. Martin lives in Hyde Park and his proximity to the Illinois Central Railroad tracks and his early acquaintance with the soot and dirt from these trains are in a measure responsible for his choice of a thesis subject. Although his thesis will deal with the electrification of the C. B. & Q. R. R., it may also be applied to the Illinois Central Line. He is noted for the rapidity with which he works, as he is usually through with the semester's work in drawing or in the laboratory before others have become fairly started. He is a member of Prof. Barrow's class in illumination and already has collected more catalogs from the gas and electric light companies than an ordinary person could collect at an automobile show.

Martin has managed to get a little more out of going to college than just a technical education. He has derived much pleasure from the social events about school and is able to drive all thoughts of books out of his head when such an event is at hand.