



DWIGHT ABBE WHITAKER

Thesis: *Proposed Hydro-Electric Power Development on the Tallapoosa River in Alabama.*

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That a married man can enter and graduate from college has been conclusively proven by Whitaker. In September, 1907, he enrolled at the Armour Institute of Technology in the electrical engineering course. Previous to this time, to be exact in the romantic month of June, 1905, he had become a benedict, hence the above assertion. Whitaker comes from Florida, his home town being Sarasota. Before entering Armour, he took a preparatory course at the Rollins College Academy at Winter Park, Fla. He worked as a night telephone operator for the Peninsular Telephone Co. at Bradentown, Florida, and this first step into the field of electrical engineering convinced him that a college education was necessary for the mastery of so vast a subject as telephony. He has been adding to this practical experience that gained by summer work for the Western Electric Company, assembling switchboards, and by acting as switchboard operator for the North Shore Electric Co. at Blue Island, Illinois.

He is a member of the Armour Branch of the A. I. E. E. and always aids in making the meetings interesting by entering into the discussions after a paper has been read. And the unique thing about it is that these discussions of his really do help to make the meeting more interesting. But what we like best about him is his quiet and unassuming, yet dignified manner, and his friendliness. From this latter characteristic it would seem that he is a true optimist believing that there is good in everyone. And because of all this, we wish him the realization of his dream of a reclaimed Florida everglades, crossed by electric railways, and with a telephone or telegraph wire nailed to every mangrove tree in the swamp.