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Next Friday's issue of the Daily Nebraskan will be a special one and will be devoted to the interests of the Electrical Engineering department.

The paper will be eight pages in size and will be finely illustrated with halftones and cuts.

The Charter day program to be given this week will afford to students an opportunity to listen to addresses by some of the leaders of modern thought. The oration by General John C. Black on "Abraham Lincoln" will be a treat that no one can afford to miss. The Sigma Xi lectures have always been of particular interest to college students and this year will be no exception. Both the subject and the man should command a large attendance. The electrical exhibit will be one of the most beautiful and instructive ever witnessed at the University.

COLLEGE SETTLEMENT WORK.

There is perhaps no class of people who are more shut out of the world's, active work, and who see and know less of it than those of us who are gathered together in college. Within our narrow horizon there is little or no real misery, no active suffering, very little downright sacrifice. To

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be sure there are many who live carefully, dress plainly, and eat simple food; now and then one who verges on the line of true physical suffering that he may gain a college education. But when all allowance has been made, it still remains true that we know little of the hard struggles of a large portion of the world. Unknown to most of us until the years have passed, we live in a little Eldorado, and we go out; of it perhaps never again to come so near to Paradise.

Now it is just this isolation from the world, this care-free condition, this centering all thought on self and its development in which lies the greatest danger to the noblest manhood. We gain power; gradually we come to believe any one can, and lose sympathy with the less endowed, the less happily envied. Several years of thought centered on self tends to generate selfishness. Instead of dedicating our power to the well-being of our fellows, it becomes almost second-nature to devote it to our own aggrandizement. A college education gives a broader outlook; it ought to give a finer sensibility; but it tends far too often to deaden our interests in our fellowmen and to center our thoughts and our lives on the interests of those situated as we are.

The highest and best thought of the present age concerns itself with the various movements to equalize conditions, to arouse dormant powers, to open new avenues to those whose birth-conditions and ancestry, as well as environment tell against them. Free schools, traveling libraries, "Hull Houses," and college settlements are planned, not primarily for charity, but to give openings for self-help under guidance. Yet above all the college settlement and like improvements should be considered from the point of view of natural interests. There is no class, no interest, no condition that cannot teach the well-to-do the meaning of helpful care. If you wish to see devotion in sickness, nights of watching, days of working, go not to the college bred man, but to the simplest, the humblest. These in turn can learn refinement of manners, purity in morals. Each would be the better for knowing the other. The primary aim of the college settlement worker is not to patronize, but to give and get; to be a brother in the only true sense of the word.

The opportunities for college men to make sacrifices for the sake of others are not numerous. In the college settlement we may do and learn; or, if the conditions prevent our taking an active part in the work by giving time and labor, we may give of our money so that others may work to greater advantage. I cannot help feeling that too many of us, unconsciously in the main, are getting from society education and power without realizing whence it comes, hence fail to recognize the necessity of making a return for what we have received.

H. W. CALDWELL.
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