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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1911

We notice in a recent issue of the Worcester Polytechnic Daily Publication an editorial referring to the same decision of the Sophomore class at M. I. T. in refusing from an official class demonstration against the entering class. The paper held up the action at the Institute as a model to be followed by those at that institution, and advised the Sophs there to follow suit, and do away with the rest of the hazing where clothes were mutilated and destroyed. Therefore, Sophomores, you have achieved great honor. You have not only established a new precedent at the Institute as a model to be followed by other colleges, but also have set an example which is being followed by these at that institution, followed by those at other institutions.

The Editorial Board of THE TECH wish to announce that the first elections of new men to the News Staff will take place about the first of December, and in order that everyone who desires to be a candidate at that time be given a chance to get enough points to be eligible for the position, it is necessary that all interested centers with those in charge at once. Several of our editors will be in the upper office between 8:30 and 9 a.m., between 2 and 5 p.m., and between 4 and 6 p.m. Call around and talk the matter over with them at any of these hours.

DEVELOPMENTS IN TURKO-ITALIAN WAR.

Since time out of mind the terrible Turk has had a reputation for being a "bad man." Since Schererszdorf and the thousand and one he has maintained his reputation, steadiness and unerringly, and when the opportunity has arisen he has improved it. He is like the little Japanese toy with whose children play; he always stands on one end, and that end is optimism. Yes, he held the toy down but you cannot make it stay down; it will bob up again into its previous position as soon as you let go. The phenomenon of the toy is due to the low position of its center of gravity, and do it is with the Turk. His deep grounded fanaticistic notions at times insinuatingly assume the proportions of determination. We of the West find it difficult to recognize connections between this satisfaction in what fate may be according and determination—so we call it anomalous.

There is a little seaport in Arabia called Hodeidah, which is fortunate enough to have a fort. Last Friday an Italian cruiser was browsing about nearby, protecting the Italian commerce in the Red Sea, and the fort opened fire upon it. Their guns were not modern and they did not succeed in shooting even as far as the cruiser. The cruiser returned the shots "with good effect." Now we can hardly believe that the shore fortresses must have recognized its inability to do any serious harm to the Italian man-of-war; therefore give it credit for exhibiting admirable sportinglike conduct. "It is a peculiar thing," says the modal, "that the under dog is the one which gets the sympathy."

The Italians have finally captured Tripoli, and this is the first time in its history that the city has ever been besieged. The Italian soldiers have buried the Turkish dead and rendered military honors to them. The Turks preferred death to surrender. Twenty wounded Turks have been placed in the hospital wards of Italian battleships. This is very creditable. It is a triumph of our modern civilization that the victor treats so well his defeated enemy. The Italians are to be praised for it.

Like as not, next summer or the winter after, some English tourist, wandering listlessly about Tripoli and calmly dragging at his trusty bull-dog pipe, will happen upon these graves and murmur to himself: "I sometimes think that never flowered the rose as where some buried Caesar bled." Such is life.

HOOK NIGHT PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 27.

Entries Now Open for the First Entertainment of the Year By Student Talents.

The Entertainments Committee is already at work this year. Plans are now being formulated for the first entertainment, to be held during the customary inauguration and tried last year. The committee does not plan to have weasily entertainments, but will run only a few first class Friday evening meetings. The first of these will be a Hook night for amateur talent. For this event, the committee has the support of the successful night three years ago, and the doubly successful event of last year.

To date, only rough plans have been made, but the committee desires to appeal to the students now to prepare and plans. For Friday, October 13, two weeks from today. This time is long enough to let the Institute on entertainment books attract students to give ambitious ones opportunity to arrange their ideas for a turn. P. H. Achard, 1912, is chairman of the committee, and, being on last year's committee, he is well qualified to run a Hook Night. Since this is the first entertainment of this year, it wishes to be a successful one, and if the men will only turn out as they did last year, there is no reason why this wish should not be gratified. All men should save this evening to attend, whether they intend to do a stunt or not, and, by planning ahead and proper arrangement of work, all men should be able to come out.

The only bar to the financial success of the Union last week were a few broken butter plates.

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