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### Editorial.

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**M**EMBERS will recall that at the General Meeting of the Institution held on March 29th it was agreed that amalgamation with the Royal Aeronautical Society should take place on the terms of the Beharrell Report

The Royal Aeronautical Society balloted their members, and although obtaining a majority, they felt that the transference of all members of the Institution to be Fellows of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and vice versa, was not in the best interests of both bodies

At a further meeting between representatives of both Councils, held on June 30th, this point was discussed, and it was felt that Fellowship of the Royal Aeronautical Society and Membership of the Institution represented two distinct, but equally useful, grades in the aeronautical profession. The designation "Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society" implies someone who has certain scientific knowledge of a definite type, whereas the designation "Member of the Institution of Aeronautical Engineers" implies experience in the engineering and more practical aspect of aviation. It was decided, therefore, that on amalgamation the Fellowship and Associate Fellowship of the Royal Aeronautical Society and the Membership and Associate Membership of the Institution should be kept as separate grades, and that no one should ipso facto claim the right to the other's grading.

Fellows of the Royal Aeronautical Society who wish to describe themselves as Members of the Institution of Aeronautical Engineers, and Members of the Institution of Aeronautical Engineers who wish to describe themselves as Fellows of the Royal Aeronautical Society, will be subjected to scrutiny by a Committee appointed by the Joint Body for such a purpose.

The Council being bound by the decision of the last General Meeting to amalgamate only on the strict lines of the Beharrell Report, it has been decided that a further meeting be held, when the above modified proposals will be placed before members, who will have an opportunity of expressing their approval or otherwise.