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From Fifty-Nine to Sixty

Fifty-nine years of living and learning under the man the respect and attention of those around him. It is not so with a newspaper. For all the fifty-nine years of publication which lie behind the name on this masthead, it can claim no more respect in the eyes of the public, we four have been on the shoulders of the new Managing Board.

"SUCCESSION" SUCCEEDS

With the motion on "succession" passed at the last night's Institute Committee meeting, the new term's four members have received their first major revision in several years. While we are not completely in favor of the change to present form, we feel that the change will be beneficial and that the Committee is on the right track. We feel that a gradual change in the personnel rather than an abrupt hiatus is desirable; the Committee saw fit to accomplish this through "succession".

Perhaps the most striking feature of the meeting, however, was not the legislation which was passed, but the tone of the meeting itself. In sharp contrast to last week's stormy and futile arguments over ambiguous points, this meeting was presented in clear, definite form and was passed with a minimum of "haggling". This change pleases us more than we can say.

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