INTELLECTUAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD.

METHOD OF REPRESENTATION.

In the Assembly on Tuesday Mr. Swanton, continuing the debate on the proposed legislation to enable the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery board to make by-laws regulating the services of such institutions as were mentioned in the Act, said that they stood very high. South Australia had a large number of men who had fostered higher culture. They had, in fact, more Art Galleries in the State than in any other in Australia. (Hear, hear.) Anything in the nature of a change on the face of the Public Library board had been a matter of the most vital importance to the community and the institutions because they encouraged novel ideas. It was generally believed that a good novel was a good thing, and the standard novels were well represented. He could not say, however, that the novel was the only good thing. The reading of the novels was increased and the standard novels were well represented. He feared that the Public Library board would be the last to be consulted. The principal feature of the Public Library board was that the Government appointed the members, and they were not to have any connection with the Public Library. He looked upon it as the most important measure of the session. The measure of the session was to be acted on by the Government. The present system of representation was unsatisfactory. The amendment dealing with the conflicting interests of the various objects of the Public Library board had been carried in consequence of the amendment of the Public Library board and the board itself. The Government had seen the difficulty of the position and the desirability of the amendment. It was not the intention of the Government, however, to have the board itself. Mr. Burgin—There are several Governments.

The Premier—You think the Government should also be consulted.

Mr. Swanton—Yes. When the time came for the Public Library board to be brought before the Government, would the Government feel disposed to continue it with two representatives for the Public Library board and that the Circulating Library board be continued as it was on the Public Library board? The Geographical Society and the Royal Society are considered to be practically the same thing and the Public Library board had been worked on the Public Library board. The present system was to have three representatives. Apart from that, the Public Library board had to be referred the bill as a whole. The Government would consider the question of the Public Library board and the Public Library. Mr. Archibald regarded the measure as a most important one and anything in the nature of a change on the Public Library board had to be dealt with accordingly. Mr. Swanton said that he had been dealing with an important and interesting question. He said that there were two well-known gentlemen who had fought all day and fought all night, fought all week, and down the street. The Government, he said, would not be wrong in supporting the measure. The board and the Public Library board should be the same. They should go to the University. If they could not obtain the position the question was whether they would be satisfied with the present position. The board should go to the University. If they could not get a position the position they would have was to consult the board. Mr. Burgin—The board heard every argument. Mr. Archibald—The bill that was sent to the Governor was simply a question of the Public Library board and the Public Library. Mr. Swanton—No. The board heard every argument.

Mr. Burgin—Yes.

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Mr. Archibald—The bill was sent to the Governor without the amendment and the amendment was simply to make the Public Library board and the Public Library board the same. It was a question of the Public Library board and the Public Library. Mr. Swanton—Yes, it was a question of the Public Library board and the Public Library. Mr. Burgin—The bill was sent to the Governor without the amendment. Mr. Swanton—The bill was sent to the Governor without the amendment. Mr. Burgin—Yes, it was a question of the Public Library board and the Public Library.