RECONSTITUTING THE SYDNEY SENATE.

AN IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

Sydney, June 18.

At a meeting of the senate of the University today the report of the committee appointed to consider the reconstitution of the powers and personnel of the senate was postponed. Professor Masson moved the adoption of an amendment the effect of which would be the appointment of a new board, to be called the schools board, to be comprised of 28 members, 24 of whom would represent the University, the Department of Education, and the registered secondary schools in equal ratio. It was also proposed that there should be two representatives on the board of the business interests of the community, such representatives to be appointed by the University council. The schools board would take the places of the board of public examinations, "the hypothetically existing board of school inspection." The new schools board was to concern itself with studies of secondary schools that led up to the University. It was to be a board of school inspection, and in the third place it was to be a board of school examinations in the ordinary sense. One important feature would be that the new board would advise the council direct instead of through the professional board.

After some debate the statute as drafted was agreed to without amendment. A proposal to eliminate the commercial element in representation was negatived on the voices. The regulation framed by the University council providing for an Australian diploma of tropical medicine was agreed to.