

CHAPTER IIIFROM COLLEGE COUNCIL TO CITY COUNCIL
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Although the Declaratory Judgement of 1912 did not completely clarify the position, it certainly established that the Library was the one contemplated by the 1870 Ordinance, and that it was entitled to a share of the endowment created in 1872. Thus the City Council had won its point, and it is not surprising that, at a meeting on June 9, 1913, it was resolved that the Bylaws and Finance Committee "should take into consideration the question of the taking over of the Public Library."⁽¹⁾ In accordance with this decision the Board, at its meeting on June 30,⁽²⁾ received a letter from the Town Clerk asking if they would appoint representatives to confer with the Finance Committee on the matter. The Board agreed to the request and a conference took place on August 25. However, this was inconclusive and no action was taken. When Mr. Montgomery reported to the Board,⁽³⁾ he stated that the Council's representatives appeared to have no suggestions to make except to refer the question of the Library's share of the endowment to arbitration. But the College representatives declined to accept this proposal, as the Court had already decided that the Board was the sole arbiter in the apportionment of the endowment,

1. C.C.C. Vol 28, p.881.

2. "Evening News", Christchurch, July 1, 1913.

3. "The Star", Christchurch, August 26, 1913.