

# MINERAL RESOURCES OF NEW ZEALAND.

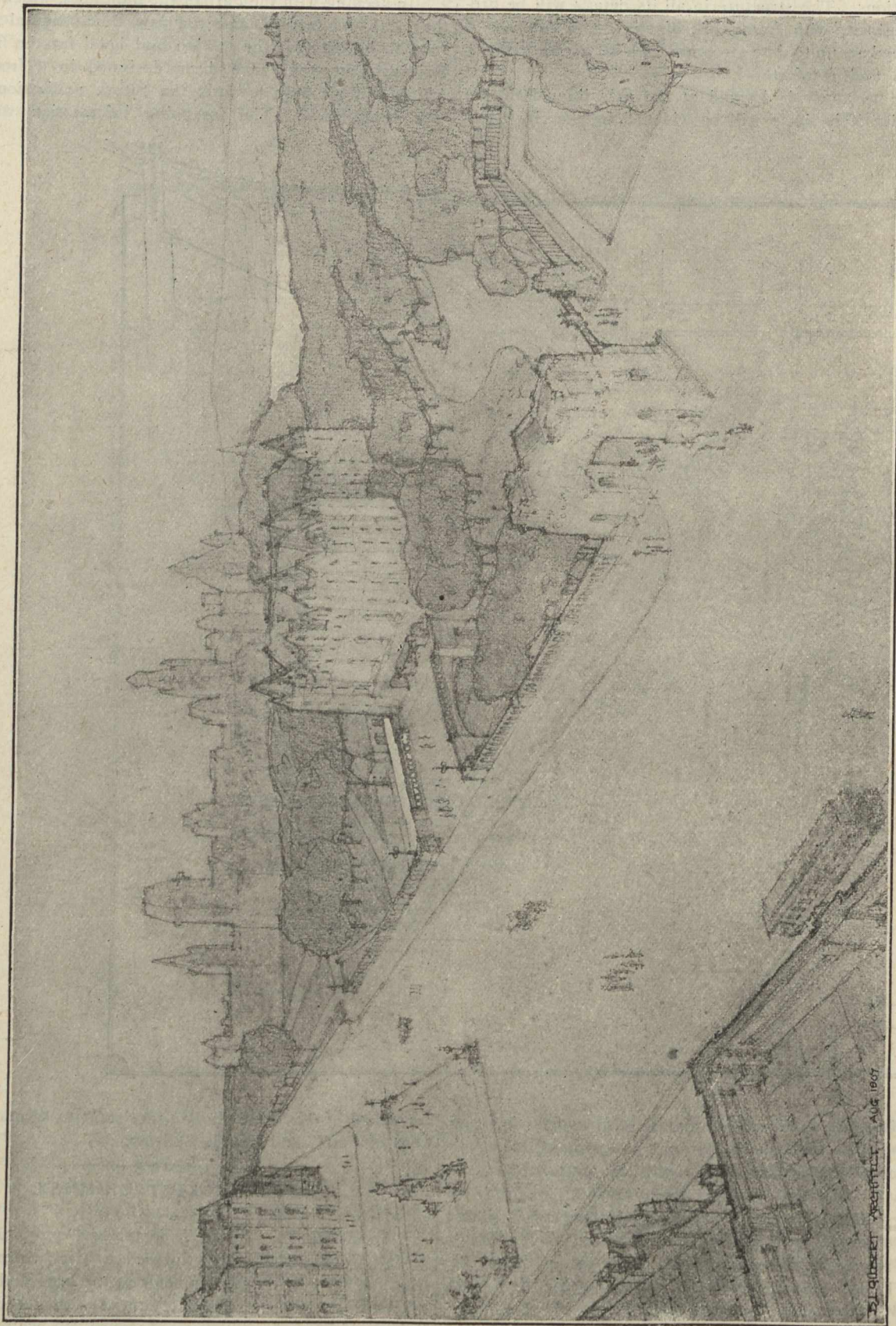
## PART VII.

### Antidotes for Cyanide Poisoning.

Cyanide plants are often situated in places some distance from a doctor's residence. The action of this poison is swift, and even with telephonic communication it would in most cases be impossible to bring a medical man upon the

nouncement on the nature of the best antidote and re the advisability of promoting vomiting is urgently required.

As yet no one has been fatally poisoned in New Zealand by swallowing cyanide (3) by accident. Such an occurrence might, however, take place at any moment, as familiarity is



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scene in time to apply any remedies. Freshly precipitated carbonate of iron has been suggested (1) and a mixture of caustic soda, ferrous sulphate, and magnesia (2). Peroxide of hydrogen has also been advocated, and nitrate of cobalt has been put forward and condemned. An authoritative pro-

beginning to breed contempt in the handling of this dangerous substance. In some cases family dwellings are within easy reach of the plant, and it often happens that small plants are left for hours at a time in charge of a youth from whom so much carefulness can hardly be expected as from a grown