INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES.

The buildings on the northern side of North Terrace are nearly entirely demolished. Although they have lost to the city a continuity of design typical of the area during the 19th century, behind the front façades, the houses in their day and generation, and the Government have never altered the main outline. In the present military parade round the house of Government, the site of the house of Assembly is fenced off. The Government has tabled several schemes for alterations on the site, but the removal of Government House from its present position is not likely to be realized in the near future.

The present Government is considering a well-thought-out plan for improvements, not only to the building but to the surrounding area of North Terrace, where the Commonwealth and State Government buildings are.

The Institute of Technology and Police Barracks.

The Institute of Technology has been controversial. The site, which was to be used as a military camp, has been vacated. The site is now earmarked for a public library and art gallery.

Botanic Garden.

The Botanic Garden has been the subject of much discussion. The old Exhibition Building and grounds should be handed over to the Commonwealth for development. The Government has been asked to consider further extensions of the Botanic Garden. The area has been identified as a potential site for the new Parliament House and the Old Exhibition Grounds should be placed under the control of the Commonwealth.
Consumptive Hospital.

The Government has announced its intention to remove the hospital for consumptive patients from North terrace. This, as well as other tentative arrangements, is part of a large scheme for improvements in the treatment of the mentally afflicted. Scientists who have studied the diseases of the brain have recommended that before a patient should be incarcerated in an asylum, unless certified as hopeless, he should pass through stages, the first a receiving house, and the second a detention house. The building on North terrace was first used for a hospital for the mentally afflicted, and may be again used as an institution under the new system. Portion of the ground would be well adapted for the purpose of enlarging the Botanic Garden, and that point will not be missed when the Government makes its final decision.