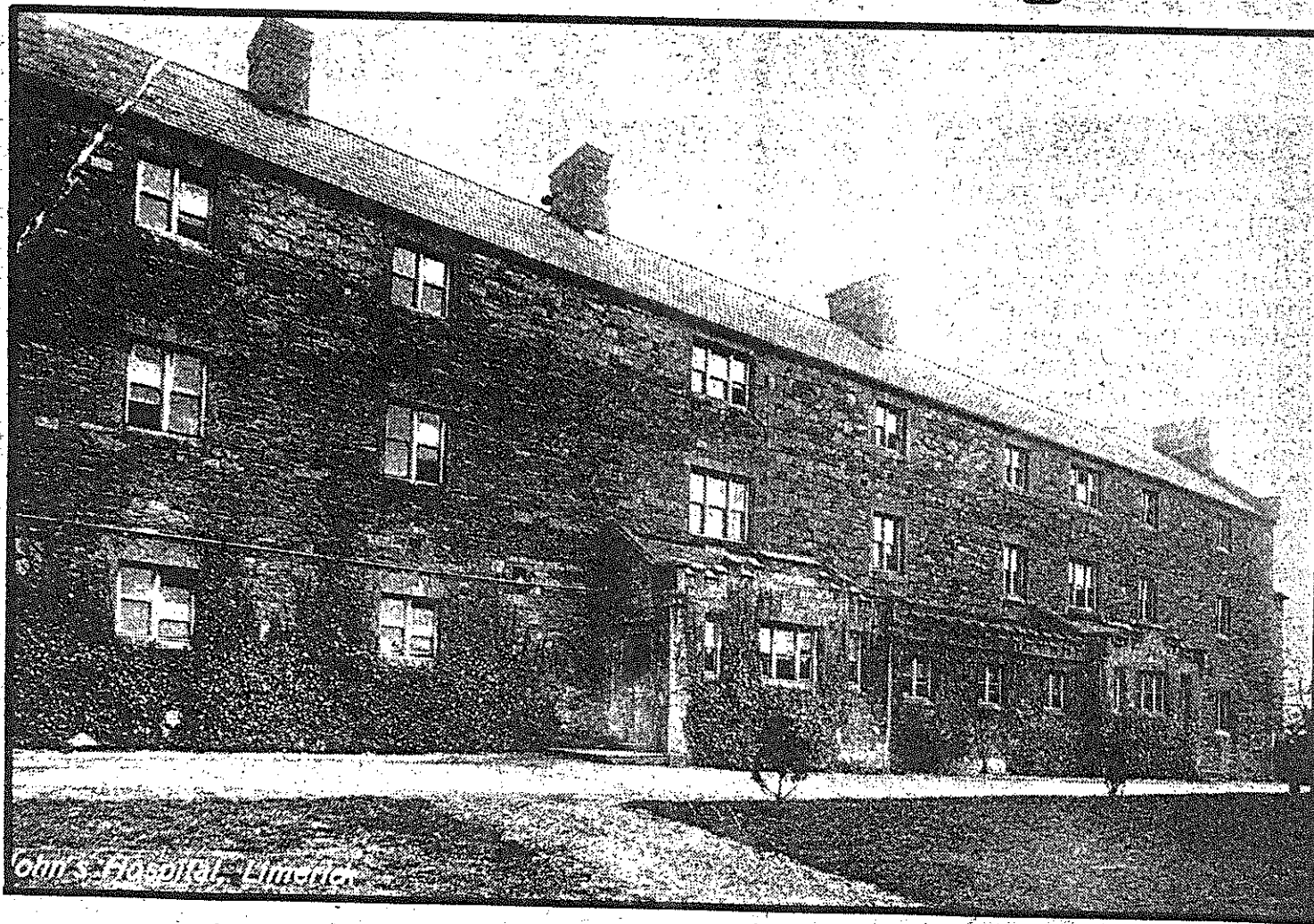


St. John's Hospital



A very old shot of St. John's hospital taken in the last century.

havoc among the besieging Williamites. The hospital authorities can be proud of their preservation of the

time was Dr. Patrick Unthank, who was regarded as eccentric but very good at his job. Perhaps the first real

profession."

In the 1830s and up to the late 1840s, and again in the 50s of that century, when

the Irishtown, a lady in the act of selling 1 cwt. of human bones which she had removed from the burial ground of Killalee, outside Clare Street. The miscreant had also a quantity of shrouding and caps worn by the dead." We do not know the penalty paid by this wretched woman but we do know that she was not the only human exploiter of the ancient burial place. The Church of Ireland Rector of St. Patrick's was quick to seize his chance of cashing in on the unprecedented demand for the consecrated earth of Killalee for he increased the burial fees from one shilling to two shillings

Alas, most of those whose remains rest in Killalee evoked no more respect than they did in life. The once quiet churchyard, rich in fine memorials and ringed by fine Poplars, is now a dump, without grave markers or Poplar trees — devilish desecration carried thoroughly by local so-called Christians.

A short time after the founding of the hospital and when an effective routine was established, provision was made for the reception of women suffering from venereal disease, a highly