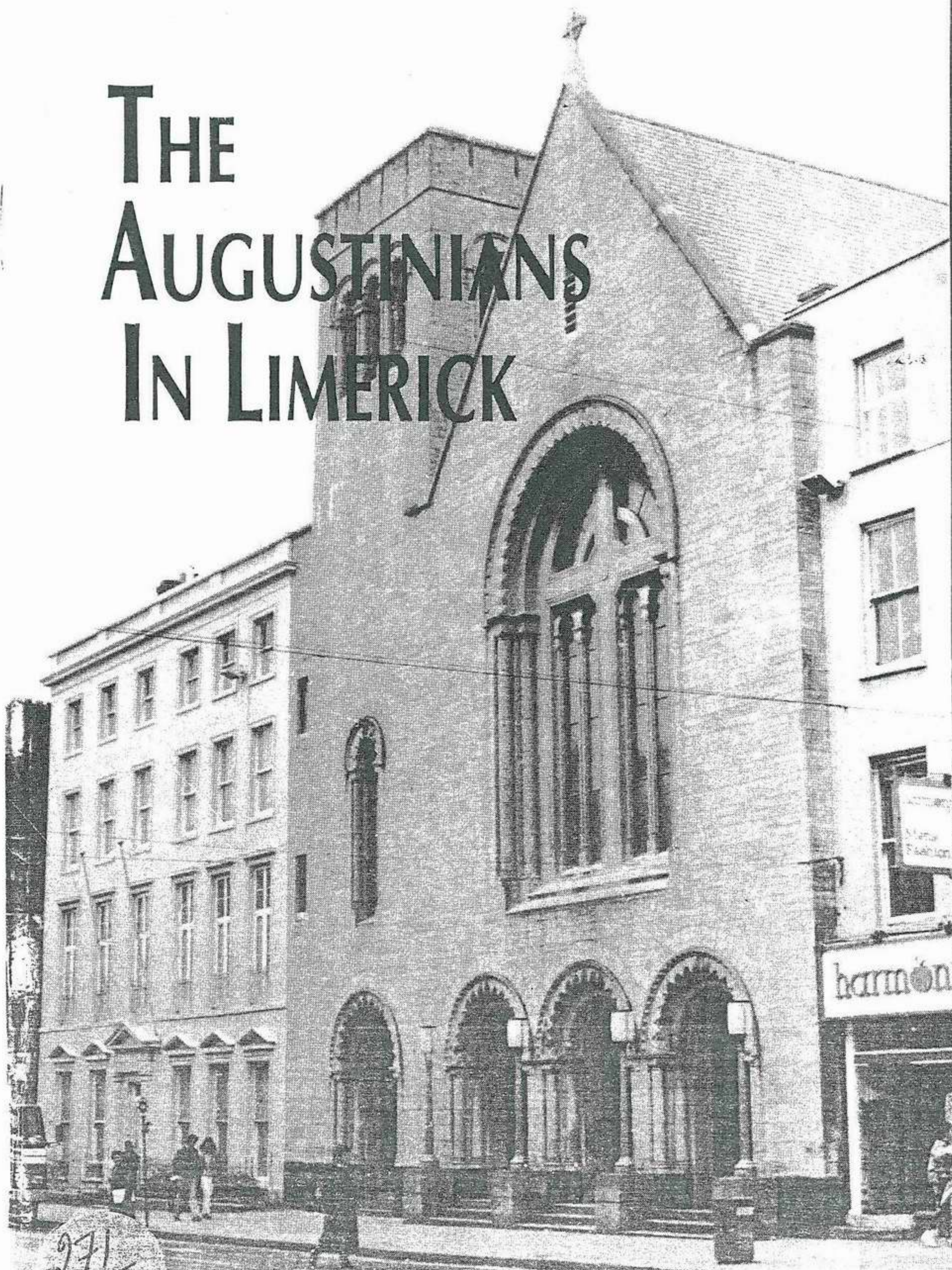


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Interior of Old Augustinian Church, Limerick



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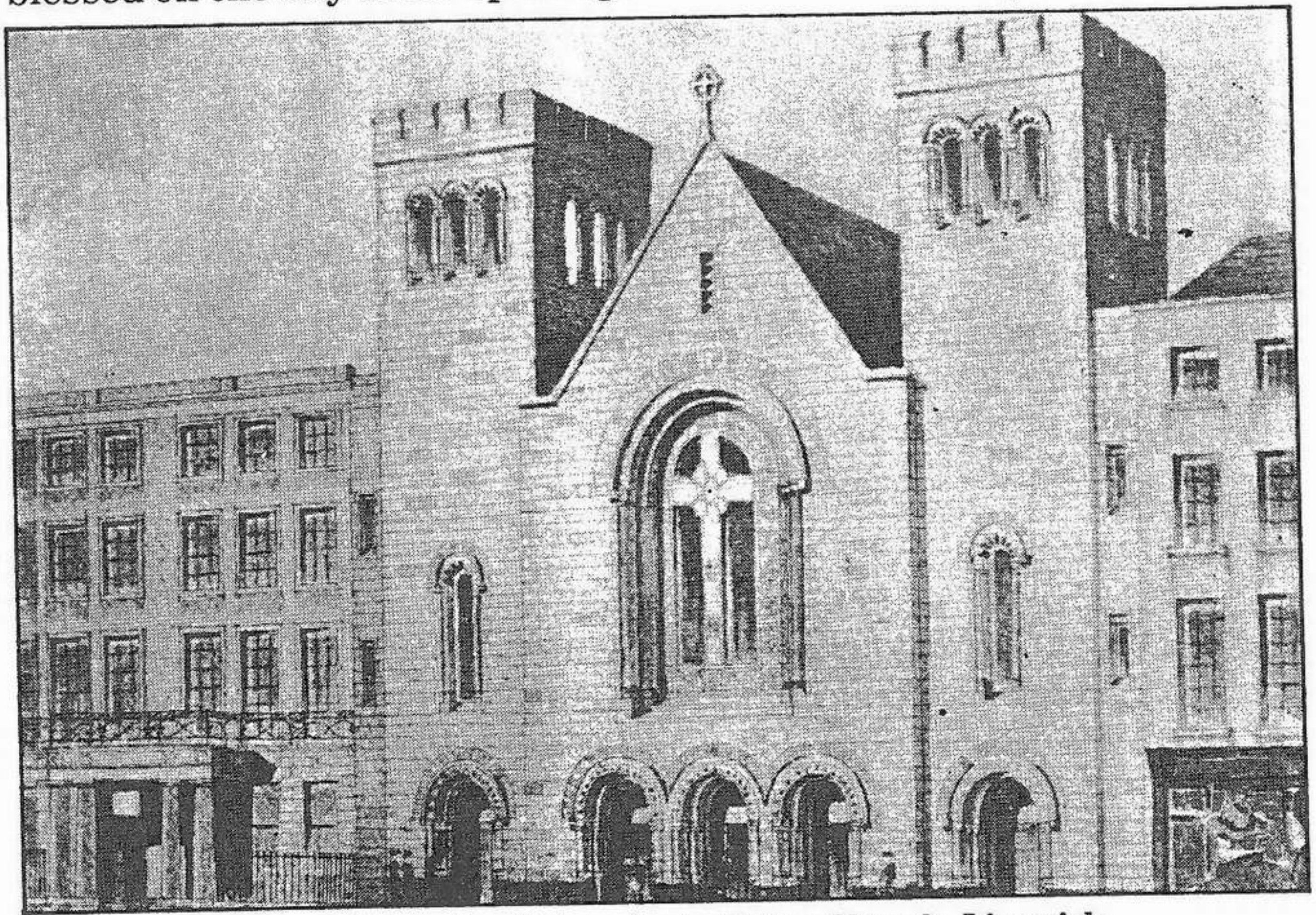
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Entrance to old St. Augustine's church in centre of picture. This building occupied the site where the new church now stands. Building on left was the County Club, now St. Augustine's Priory.

Chime of bells

The story of the bells is rather odd but it deserves mention here.⁴ It goes back to the last century when an elderly officer went to live in his retirement in a quiet part of London near a church tower which contained a chime of bells. Evening after evening he sat at his window captivated by the sweet tones of the bells. Suddenly one evening they ceased to ring. It was discovered that the church was being closed down and its tower was to be demolished. The old soldier consulted an architect to get specific details of the tower and its bells. He acquired the chime of bells and he moved to a remote country mansion in the south of Ireland. There he had an exact replica of the tower erected and had the bells installed. Years afterwards, Fr. Larry A. Doyle, later Asst. General, was told about the chimes and immediately set about acquiring them. He had them brought to Limerick and installed in the new belfry where they were blessed on the day of its opening.



Proposed Facade of New Augustinian Church, Limerick

NOTES

1. *The County Club*, op. cit. 23 seq.
2. I am indebted for some of this information to Dr. Joseph Curtis, O.S.A., a former member of the Limerick community when the church was being built.
3. Some doubt was cast on the authenticity of its association with the Augustinians but, apart from a tradition which went back unbroken to the early 18th century, it has the significant Augustinian symbol of the pierced Heart.
4. Another version is given in the *I.E.R.*, 1880, pp. 489-90.