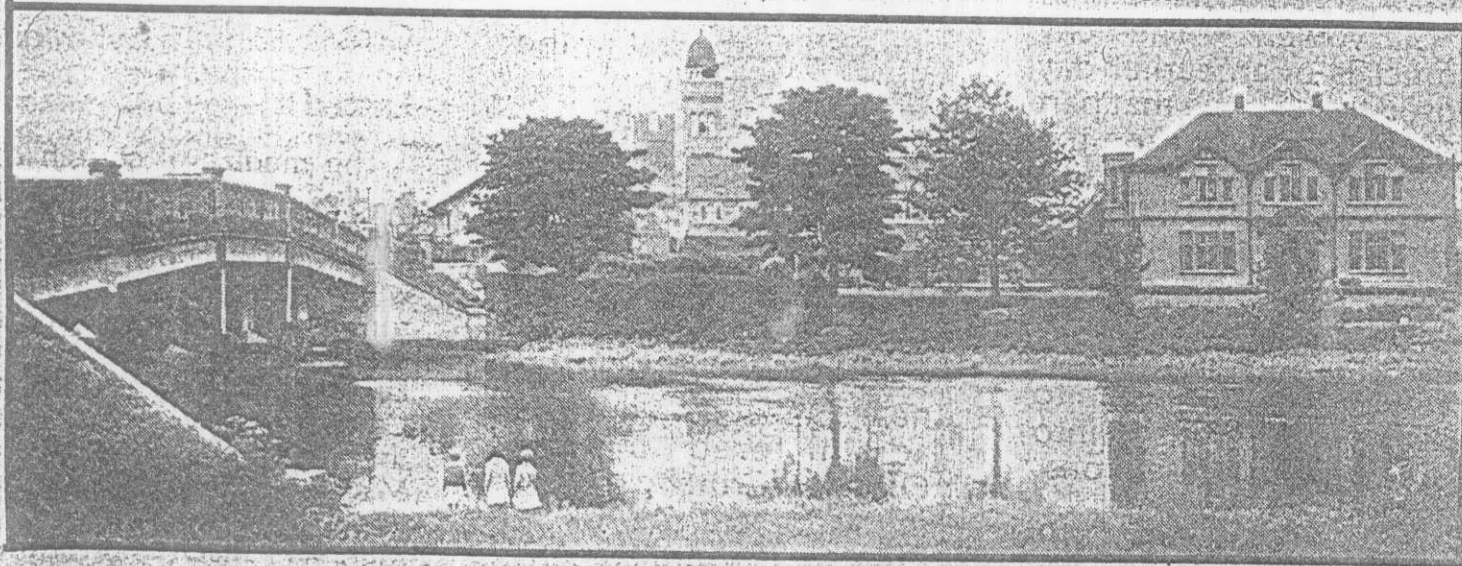
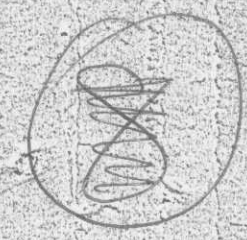


Cholera. Great bonfires were kept lighting in the streets in the hope of purifying the atmosphere and thus preventing the spread of the disease.

Smaller outbreaks of fever were occurring now and again right up to the turn of

the century. During the latter half of the century the Limerick Public Health Committee were fighting a constant battle with the incredible squalor of the old city. The development in the provision of clean water, from the 1860s, the wider

distribution of piped water, the establishment of public fountains and an improvement in the sewer and drainage systems saw the tide of battle turn in favour of the Committee and the end of cholera as a plague in Limerick.



*Bishop O'Dwyer Bridge and the Abbey River with Athlunkard Boat club in the background.*

