

OUR OWN CHURCH.

It has been thought advisable that on this occasion, when we are uniting the young people's societies within the bounds in a Presbyterian organization, that your attention should be called to our own church. "Consider ye her palaces, and mark her bulwarks well."

Every body of spiritual people has a spiritual home. The church is the house of God and the home of His people. Our room in that house, which here on earth has "many mansions" as well as in Heaven, we call by the name of Presbyterian. We are to speak of it. We meet as a company of Presbyterians but not in any narrow spirit. The sectarian spirit is alien to us as a church. We speak of our own church, because we wish both young and old to know how worthy it is of their affection and honor. It is the church of our fathers, fathers whom we have every reason to respect. It is a church which makes its first work to preach a pure gospel with fidelity. It is the church which our judgment approves, and we are in it for good reasons. There is a wholesome atmosphere in our church. Its aim is to make our faith to be based on an intelligent grasp of divine truth, and that our religious life should be stable. Within its fold we can find ample outlet for all our enthusiasms, and all our activities. The church then which best feeds our souls life, and gives us room to work for Christ is a church in which we may be satisfied.