



OLD SWEDISH CHURCH.

Several years before the advent of Penn, a Swedish colony, on the Delaware, erected a block-house at Winoos, afterward the district of Southwark. It stood upon a pleasant knoll sloping down to the river, and was afterward converted into a church, the port-holes serving as windows. In 1709 a brick church was erected on the site of the 'lock-house', and of this venerable edifice, which is still standing, on Swanson Street, we give a picture. It has lost much of its original appearance by changes within and without, but it is still interesting, marking the site of the first building where Christian worship was celebrated on the western bank of the Delaware north of the Schuylkill, and for its grave-yard, where the first dead of Philadelphia were buried. There, among graves that were dug more than a century and a half ago, rest the remains of Wilson, the great American ornithologist, and on its crumbling stones may be read the names of many other noted Americans. At a time when so many ancient landmarks are disappearing so fast, it is pleasant to find one that is still fondly cherished.

