

# Question mark over empty church

By LEADER REPORTER

**FEARS EXPRESSED** this week that "one of Limerick's finest buildings" may be sold and demolished were temporarily allayed by Limerick County Council.

They are owners of the old Presbyterian red brick church at Henry Street and admit they have yet to find a proper use for the building.

"We circulated some 40 state and public bodies to see if they were interested in the building, but got no firm enquiry," explained a spokesman for the council.

He said that at this time they

did not intend putting the property up for sale, stating that they were "optimistic" that a certain group would take over the building shortly.

Meanwhile, Mr. John Wrixon, an environmental economist, who lives at Kilmore, County Clare, says that a preservation order should be put on the building.

"How many other fine buildings have we destroyed over the years. We should ensure that the same does not happen here," he declared.

Mr. Wrixon added that the building was in an ideal location for an arts and crafts centre, or museum.



The former Presbyterian house of prayer in Henry Street.