

imposing city-hall (*stadhuis*), now overlooking the market, was erected between the years 1793-1810.

The Fish Market (*Visch Markt*) occupies another open space not far west of the city hall. The quadrangle, which bears this name, has a length of two hundred and forty-one paces. It was first paved with brick in 1446. The Corn Exchange (*Korenbeurs*), standing immediately east of the *Aa-Kerk*, fronts the Fish Market.

During the present century the city of Groningen has greatly enlarged its



THE CORN EXCHANGE, GRONINGEN, 1896.
Aa-Kerk is separated from it by a narrow street.

territory. The last enumeration of the inhabitants showed the population to be 57,900. Although lying in north latitude fifty-three degrees fifteen minutes, or on the same parallel as the southern part of Labrador, it is favored with a temperate climate, and the winters there are no colder than those in the State of New York.

It is highly probable that the residence of certain members of the Swartwout family in the city of Groningen in the sixteenth century was partly