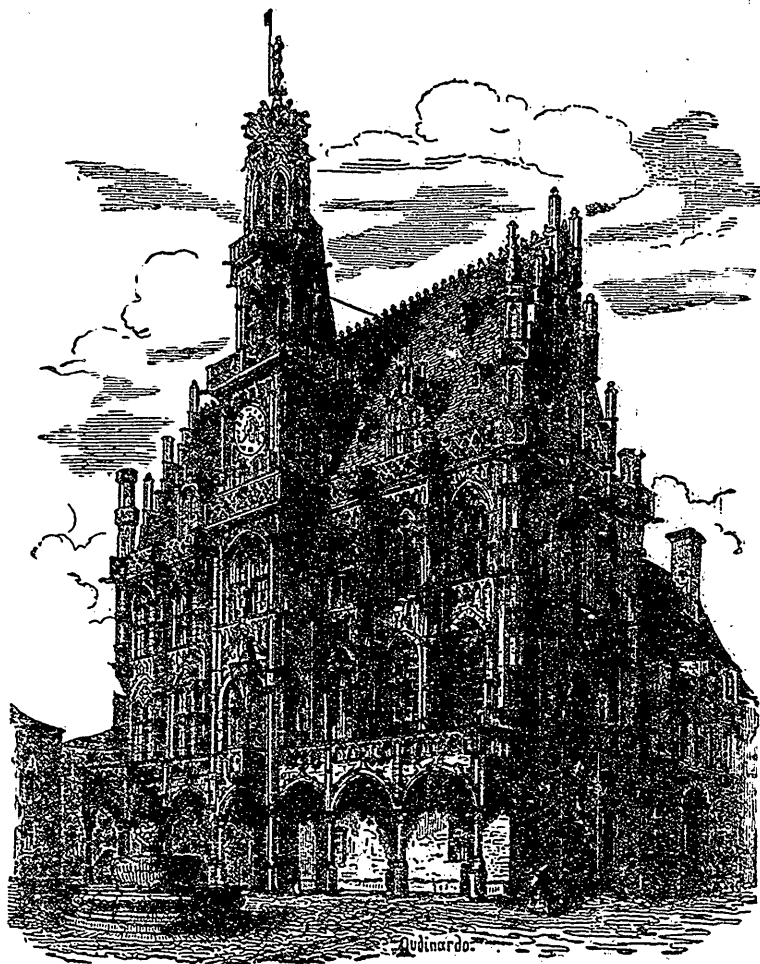


In its Prinsenhof, or palace, William the Silent, the great Protestant hero, after many previous attempts, was foully assassinated by Baltazar Gérard, the tool of his mortal enemy, Philip



THE TOWN HALL AT OUDENARDE.

II. of Spain. The marks on the staircase of the fatal bullet are still pointed out. In the Nieuwe Kerk—the *New Kirk*, though begun in 1412 and consecrated 1476—is the Prince's magnificent monument, and near it that of Van Tromp, the victor of thirty-two naval battles.

We pass next to the old Flemish town of Oudenarde, one of the most interesting towns of the ancient province of Hainault.