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POLYGOON-HAARLEM-HOLLAND

THE REVEREND PASTRY-COOK OF HOLLAND.

Length: 65 metres.

DUTCH REVEREND - A FORMER BAKER - MAKES GINGER-BREAD,
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHURCH REPAIRS.

This is the little village of Gaastmeer in the province of Friesland.

The church of the reformed parish, dating from the beginning of the last century, is in very bad condition. The reverend of this parish, Mr. Bruinsma, shows us how it necessarily needs a restoration.

But from where will this little parish get the 40.000 guilders, necessary for the restoration ?

Some time ago Rev. Bruinsma had his last service in the little church, when two young parishioners married.

Thereafter the church had to be closed and partly pulled down.

After that Mr. Bruinsma changed his gown into the baker's uniform, and together with the baker of the village, he is now baking Frisian spiced gingerbreads. In his youth Mr. Bruinsma was a baker's man.

He is going to sell these breads and hopes that the profits will enable him to pay the restoration costs of his church.

And Mr. Bruinsma is not only a good reverend, he is a good organizer too !

With 13.000 ginger-breads he has gone to Amsterdam, and there women in Frisian costume sold the breads.

The reverend's original initiative had success !

This gingerbread-market, in the centre of the well known Dam-square draw the attention of the generous Amsterdam people, who moreover like a dainty bit ! And they took care that at the end of the day no gingerbreads were left.

With 13.000 guilders the energetic reverend Mr. Bruinsma went back to his little parish, in the conviction that the restoration of his church, for which he also receives the money through other channels, can be realized in the near future.

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