

Besides being a vast and beautiful City Hall, it comprises in itself a Museum of sculpture, painting and furniture, much of course of a symbolic character. The Councillors number about one hundred of both sexes, and one of them is our friend Sister Bertha Wellin.

Copenhagen.

I must crave indulgence for mentioning, quite briefly, another notable Town Hall, which dominates by its size and grandeur the city of Copenhagen. It is said that the national architectural tendency of the Danes is not to imitate any special style of the past, but to blend old Danish and Italian ideas in a new style. This magnificent Raadhus (1902) would no doubt be considered a good specimen of this style of Art. Both the exterior and interior are adorned with decorative sculptures and paintings. Among the decorations of the façade is a representation of the founder of the town—Bishop Absalon—in chased copper relief. A huge glass-covered hall is one of the chief features of this fine building, and the copper-sheathed spire of its great tower is another. Among the statues of Denmark's famous citizens is, naturally, one to Bertel Thorvaldsen, the great sculptor, whose fame is said to rest upon his masterpiece, Jason with the Golden Fleece.

Talking of towers, the Palads Hotel, where we stayed, is of a most picturesque and uncommon style of architecture. A long gabled roof studded with dormer windows, with a central tower terminating in a gabled point to correspond. Immediately in front of it stands the Hornblowers' Column, surmounted by the figures of two hornblowers in bronze. Our guide, who spoke English fairly, explained that the horns were of a very ancient pattern, and were in use at the time when the English were "underneath the Danes"! The Church with the beautiful blue window, and the marble Church, where colossal statues of the Twelve Apostles stand all around the inside walls, we also saw and admired. By the way, did any one notice the Twelve Apostles on the roof of Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas in Helsingfors?

We spent most of the day before we left Copenhagen on our return journey in a delightful excursion to Elsinore to visit "Hamlet's grave." To ask one to believe that the body of Hamlet lies buried in a wood beneath a mound of stones, surmounted by a small rough-hewn obelisk, without any sign of a name, is making too great a demand upon one's credulity. In fact, we did not hear anyone vouch for the truth of it! A little to the north of the picturesque old town of Elsinore (which is about 27 miles from Copenhagen) lies the historic Kronberg Castle, where Shakespeare laid the scene of his famous drama. It has four towers with spires, originally a fortress surrounded by ramparts and moats.

We stopped for an hour at the little town of Hillerød, in order to visit the famous museum of National History in Frederiksborg Castle, said to be one of the greatest objects of interest in the whole country. It is built on three small islands on the side of the lake Vejle, and is said to be the greatest and most important of early northern renaissance buildings, and dates from the time of Christian IV, of the sixteenth century, but was mostly rebuilt in 1875, when it became what it now is.

Countless and priceless Art treasures are housed in this great Castle Museum. To attempt to describe it, after a visit of one hour, would render one liable to be called not only presumptuous, but of unsound mind, and my steadfast purpose is to "maintain the balance of my mind." I will therefore merely say, in conclusion, that among the many historic portraits of Danish Royalties there was one of our own Queen Alexandra when quite young and exquisitely beautiful.

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CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

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BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1.

The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors and an ex-officio member of all committees. She shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Grand Council, except in such cases as she may otherwise designate. She may call meetings of the Board of Directors at her discretion, and in addition she shall sign all warrants to the Treasurer for the payment of bills.

Section 2.

The Treasurer shall collect, receive, and have charge of all funds of the Council, shall deposit such funds in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and pay such bills only as shall have been approved by the President. She shall report to the Board of Directors the financial standing of the Council whenever requested to do so, and make a full report to the Grand Council at each regular meeting of the Grand Council. The Treasurer shall be granted a specified amount of petty cash.

The retiring Treasurer shall, within one month after the close of the regular meeting of the Grand Council, deliver to the Treasurer all moneys, vouchers, books, and papers of the Council in her custody, with a supplemental financial report covering all transactions during her time of office.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Grand Council and of the Board of Directors, and shall preserve all papers, letters, and transactions of the Council during her term of office. She shall present to the Board of Directors all applications for membership in the Council, with the report of the Membership Committee on the same. She shall deliver to her successor within one month after the meeting of the Grand Council all the property of the Council in her possession.

Section 4.

All officers except the Treasurer and the Secretary shall, on expiration of their term, surrender all property in their possession belonging to the Council to the newly-elected President.

Section 5.

Necessary expenses incurred by officers or committees in the service of the Council over and above that appropriated may be refunded from the general treasury, by order of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II.

Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall:—

(a) Transact the general business of the Council in the interim between meetings of the Grand Council.

(b) Report to the Grand Council at each regular meeting of the Council the business transacted by the Board of Directors during the interval between its regular meetings.

(c) Supervise the affairs of the Council and devise and mature measures for its growth and prosperity.

(d) Determine the character and number of publications and other transactions.

(e) Appoint all standing committees not otherwise provided for.

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