

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,

No. 5, FREEMASONS' HALL,

GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.

1st January, 1885.

Worshipful Sir and Brother,

I have the honour to inform you that the 9th Anniversary Festival of this Institution will take place on Wednesday, 13th May next, under the Presidency of Sir Walter W. Parrall, Bart., M.P., P.W. Provincial Grand Master of Essex.

On the other side I have the pleasure to bring under your notice the leading items of interest in connection with the Institution, and in doing so beg to solicit the favour of the name of a Brother who will kindly represent your Lodge as Steward on that occasion.

Stewards are urgently needed.

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fraternally,

J. W. Hedges

Secretary.

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS was founded on the 25th March, 1788, at the suggestion of the Chevalier Bartholomew Ruspini, Surgeon Dentist to His Majesty King George the Fourth, then Prince of Wales.

Since its foundation **1389 Girls** have been educated, clothed and maintained in the school.

There are now **241 Girls** receiving the benefits of the Institution as compared with **100** in December, 1872, or an **increase of 141 in 12 years**.

The Girls on election are first admitted into the **Junior School** where they receive all that special care and attention which is so necessary for children of tender years, and are afterwards drafted into the Senior School, where they remain until they attain the age of sixteen.

The Girls receive a sound **English Education** and are employed by turns in all the **Domestic Duties** of the House, great pains also being taken to render them skilful in **Plain Needlework**.

At the last Cambridge Local Examination, in December, 1883, the names of fifteen Girls were entered, **every one** of whom it is most gratifying to note, passed, nine being in the Honors List, while for those entered for the present Examination, there is every reason to anticipate a favourable result.

The **Cookery Class** has proved most successful. The Girls are educated in **Practical Cookery** by a lady (*an ex-pupil*) holding a first-class certificate from South Kensington. Other Classes in connection with the Science and Art Department are also held, which are proving of much interest and benefit to the Girls.

The **Swimming Bath** is now completed, and it is confidently anticipated that, while gaining the invaluable knowledge of the art of natation, the **health also of the girls** will be greatly promoted by that most healthy and invigorating exercise.

The very heavy outlay recently incurred by the **re-organisation of the drainage system** and other **sanitary** arrangements of the Institution Buildings has been fully justified by results.

It is to be regretted that the invested capital is in **no way commensurate** with the now very greatly increased responsibilities, the Charity being almost entirely dependent upon **Voluntary Contributions**. This is a matter still needing the very serious consideration of the Craft.

QUALIFICATION OF SUBSCRIBERS AND LODGES.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS	One Guinea, with One Vote at each of the Two following Elections.
" "	of One Guinea or upwards for Ten consecutive years have Two Votes instead of One for ever. Guinea thereafter subscribed.
LIFE	Five Guineas, with One Vote at each Election for Life.
*LIFE GOVERNORS	Ten " Two Votes " "
" "	One extra Vote for first Stewardship, and two for every subsequent one with a similar donation.
*VICE-PRESIDENTS	Fifty Guineas, in sums of not less than Five Guineas, with Ten Votes at each Election for Life.
*VICE-PATRONS	One Hundred Guineas, in sums of not less than Five Guineas, with Thirty Votes at each Election for Life.
*PATRONS	Two Hundred Guineas, in sums of not less than Five Guineas, with Eighty Votes at each Election for Life.

Ladies (and "Ladies" being minors) acquire the last four qualifications upon payment of half the above amounts.

Lodges, Chapters, and other Societies, acquire Votes in perpetuity for double the amounts payable by individual donors. Annual subscriptions same as Individuals.

Every Steward at the Annual Festival, who shall procure donations or subscriptions to the extent of not less than Twenty-five Guineas, in addition to a personal donation, shall receive One Additional Vote at each election of Girls, and a further Extra Vote for every additional sum of not less than Twenty-five Guineas.

EXPENSES ATTENDING STEWARDSHIP.

The total amount collected at the Festivals of this Institution *being exclusively directed to the funds of the Charity*, the Stewards (irrespective of their individual donations to the Institution), are called upon for certain expenses incidental to the Festival; but this liability is limited to a sum fixed upon by the Stewards at their first meeting, and which will probably not exceed two guineas. The purposes for which the amount is required are: The musical engagements for the entertainment of the guests; the necessary charges for postage, printing, stationery, Stewards' favour, &c. It also includes the price of the Stewards' Dinner Ticket. The Stewards have likewise the privilege of introducing Ladies, for whom a suitable collation is provided at a fixed additional charge.

CHARITY JEWEL.

Any Brother serving the Office of Steward to *this Institution*, and giving a donation of not less than Ten Guineas, is entitled to wear the Charity Jewel, provided he has also served the office of Steward to EITHER the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, or the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and has duly qualified as a Life Governor.

Every Brother who shall serve the office of Steward at any Anniversary Festival of either of the Masonic Charities, as the representative of some Provincial or Country Lodge, *who shall personally attend such Festival*, and shall bring up thereto contributions amounting to not less than 100 Guineas, shall have the same rights and privileges, as to wearing the Charity Jewel or Clasp, as if he had himself contributed the sum of Ten Guineas whilst serving such Stewardship.

* *Are Members of the General Committee.*

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

ESTABLISHED 1788.

97TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL,

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1885.

STEWARDS.

Name

Address

Lodge represented

Rank in Lodge;
and description in
the Craft (if any))

Signed

When filled in to be forwarded to

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary,

5, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street,

LONDON, W.C.

Date

Please fill up and return this form in order that your name and rank, &c., may be correctly printed in the List of Stewards.