

Valuer for Great Britain and Ireland for the year ending 31st December, 1913, under the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896 (59 & 60 Vict., cap. 25), viz.:—

Arthur Stanley Young, 3, East Bank, Stamford Hill, N.

*Foreign Office,  
July 15, 1913.*

His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a telegram from His Majesty's Minister at Sofia, stating that, according to a report which he has received from the British Vice-Consul at Varna, that port has been officially declared to be closed.

*Whitehall, July 15, 1913.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 20th June, 1913, to grant unto Thomas Morgan Joseph-Watkin, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, Portcullis Pursuivant of Arms, the Office of Chester Herald, vacant by the death of Henry Murray Lane, Esquire.

*Whitehall, July 15, 1913.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 4th July, 1913, to grant unto Keith William Murray, Esq., the Office of Portcullis Pursuivant of Arms, vacant by the promotion of Thomas Morgan Joseph-Watkin, Esq., to the Office of Chester Herald.

*Whitehall, July 15, 1913.*

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Robert Howlett, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Whitehall, July 16, 1913.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bear-

ing date the 14th instant, to appoint the Reverend Thomas Fenton Fyfe to the Living of Holy Trinity, Cornforth, in the county of diocese of Durham, void by the death of the Reverend Thomas Norcliffe Roberts, the last Incumbent.

*Whitehall, July 16, 1913.*

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice that he intends to make a Rule under section 8 of the Penal Servitude Act, 1891, supplementing the Regulations dated the 20th June, 1896, made by the Secretary of State under that section with regard to the measuring and photographing of prisoners, and that copies of the draft Rule can be obtained at the office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

*Whitehall, July 17, 1913.*

The KING was pleased, on Friday, the 11th instant, on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Liverpool, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the Lord Mayor, John Sutherland Harmwood - Banner, Esquire, M.P., and upon the Chairman of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, Helenus Robert Robertson, Esquire.

At Manchester, on the following Monday, the King was pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the Lord Mayor of the City, Samuel Walter Royse, Esquire.

#### ST. VINCENT'S CRIPPLES' HOME.

Eastcote, near Pinner.

110 boys to be admitted.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that he has sanctioned an increase of five in the number of the inmates of the above-named Home, making 110 in all.

The Home was certified as a Special Industrial School on the 23rd May, 1912.

*Whitehall, 17th July, 1913.*

#### MERSEY CONSERVANCY ACT.

*Mersey Conservancy,  
66, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.,*

*18th July, 1913.*

I hereby give notice, pursuant to the 9th section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 110, intituled "An Act for better preserving the