SOUTH MARSTON is a tithe and village, in the parish of Highworth, Northern division of the county, hundred and union of Highworth, Swindon county court district, near the Great Western Railway, and distant from Highworth 31 miles south, 3 west from Wiltshire, and 31 west from Swindon. The church is a plain structure, in the Early English style of architecture, with square tower containing 3 bells. The living is a chapel, annexed, with Shakespeare's monument, to the church of Highworth; the Rev. Arthur Edward Robinson is curate. There is a Wesleyan chapel. Alfred Bell, Esq., is lord of the manor and carrier. William Titcomb, carrier, in the Railway, and Hewer John, bell maker, in the Early English style.

BELL ALFRED, esq., Manor house

ROBINSON Rev. Arthur EDWARD (curate)

Cox Charles, tailor

Edwards Walter, farmer

Fisher Thomas, blacksmith

Gosling Jonathan, farmer

Head Edward, shoe maker

Large Charles, lock, keeper

Lewin Daniel, shopkeeper

Litten Farmer, farmer

Litten Mary (Mrs.), farmer

Love John, farmer

Shiner John, beer retailer

Pickett Richard, shopkeeper

Pincing John, farmer

Pinner George, farmer

Ricks Pihle (Mrs.), and Royall Oak inn

Sharp Sue, (Mrs.), farmer

The living is a vicarage, annual value £2,000.

Withers Ralph, farmer

MALVERN is a parish, on the borders of Hampshire and Dorsetshire, in the Southern division of the county, South Damerham hundred, Fordingbridge union, county court district of Salisbury, district of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Wilts, and distant from Salisbury 5 miles south-east from Cranborne, and 91 south-west-by-south from Salisbury. The church of St. Martin is an ancient structure, in the Early English style, and consists of nave, chancel, north and south transepts, and north aisle under separate roof, its length intersecting the transept on that side; it has square tower surmounted by heavy octagonal spire, with 3 bells: it was restored and internally restored in 1822, and has a west front.

The earliest register bears date 1590. The living is a vicarage, annual value £220, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of South Damerham, and held by the Rev. George Warwick Bathfylde Daniell, M.A., of Cains College, Cambridge. There is a charity here, bequeathed by the late Williamalk, of 8s. per week to six poor and deserving persons in the parish. There is a National school, built at the cost of £290, of which £123 was contributed by the Committee of Council, the remainder by subscription. E. Cotes, Esq. (a minor), is lord of the manor. The principal landowner is the Rev. Edward Pencock. The soil is chalk and sand; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat and barley. The area is 4,561 acres, and the population in 1861 was 1,270.

TIDBIT is a hamlet, a quarter of a mile south.

Parish Clerk, James Harris

POST OFFICE.—William Fuller, receiver. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 10 a.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Cranborne.

MELKSHAM: [WILTS.]

MELKSHAM is a market, union and county court town, polling-place for the Northern division of the county, railway station, and parish, in the hundred of the same name, diocese of Salisbury, archdeaconry of Wilts, and rural deanery of Downton, 100 miles west-by-south from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east from Bradford, 3½ north-east from Trowbridge, 7 west from Devizes, 9½ from Westbury, 14 from Warminster, 15 from Frome, 12 from Bath, 1¼ from Corsham, and Cranborne, and 11¼ from Bath, and 6 miles south-east from Wiltshire, Somerset, and high railway. The facade of St. Michael is a spacious structure of freestone, with a handsome embattled tower surmounted by pinnacles, and was considerably improved and enlarged in 1845, at an expense of £24,000. The register dates from 1600.

The living is a vicarage, with the chaplainry of St. Michael and Earl Stoke annexed, value £1,205 per annum, with residence, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held by the Rev. George Hinde, M.A., of King's College, Cambridge. The tithe rent-change to the impropriator is £978 8s. 1d., and to the vicar £300.

Here are National, British, and Infant schools. There are places of worship for Baptists, Independents, the Society of Friends, and Wesleyan Methodists.

During the West Saxon era this was a place of considerable note; at the period of the Norman survey, and for several subsequent reigns, it was held in royal demesne, and gave name to an extensive forest. The town is situated on the main road from London through Devizes to Bath, and on the banks of the Avon; it consists principally of one street, nearly a mile in length, which is well-paved and lighted by gas; the houses are well-built, of soft freestone, but irregularly placed. Two mineral springs, one saline and the other bitter, were held in great repute, but after a very great outlay, the wells did not prove attractive to visitors, and are now almost entirely in disuse. Woolen manufactures, also flat and round ropes, haircloth, cocoa fibre and sucking manu-
The market is held on every alternate Tuesday in the month for cattle, sheep, pigs, &c. An annual fair for cattle, sheep, horses, &c., is held in the Market-place on the 27th of July.

The Melksham union comprises the following places, viz.:—

- The Poor-House, a substantial stone building, is situated in the village of Semington, about 2 miles from the town.

R. P. Long, Esq., M.P., is Lord of the Manor.

The population in the town in 1861 was 2,492; the parish, 5,837, including 1,086 in Seend chapsley; and the area is 12,572 acres.

BEANRACE AND BLACKMORE are titheings.

MELKSHAM (with Wiltshire) is a new ecclesiastical parish.

The living is a perpetual curacy, annual value £105, in the gift of the Vicar of Melksham, and held by the Rev. George Nutt, M.A., of Worcester College, Oxford. The register dates from 1688. Population 606.

Parish Clerk, Singer Stokes.

**ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE FOR MELKSHAM UNION.**

Chairman, Ralph Ludlow Lopes, Esq., Sandridge Park, Melksham, Wadham Locke, Esq., Messrs. Thomas Newman, George Pritchard, William Tayler

Clerk to the Committee, Mr. P. Phelps, Melksham

The police force consists of an inspector & 6 constables, placed as follows:—an inspector & 2 constables at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest & Semington.

**INSURANCE AGENTS.**

Aocadical Deeth, John Baines, Bank street

Atlas, Benjamin Shaul, Bank street

County Fire, Frederick Smith, Bank street

Edinburgh Life, Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place

Farmer Fire Life, John Baines, Bank street

Imperial, Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place

Law Union, Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place

Liverpool & London & Globe, James Rawlings, Shurnholm

London Assurance Corporation, Robert Laine, Market pl

London & Provincial Law, Arthur Gore, Lowbourne pl

National Prident, Thomas Palmer, North Wilts Bank

National Union, L. H. Nolan, Railway station

Northern Fire & Life, Charles Wilson, Wills & Dorset Bank, High street

Phizzis Fire & Life

Prudential Life, Frederick Smith, Bank street

Reliance, Joseph Jones, King street

Royal Fire & Life, Ernest A. Stiles, North Wilts Bank, Bank street;

E. Eyres, Tower house, Lacock

Scottish Provincial Fire & Life, Ernest A. Stiles, North Wilts Bank, Bank street

Standard Life, John Baines, Bank street

Sun Fire & Life, Anthony William Awdry, Market place

West of England Fire & Life, Alexander Cochrane, Bank street

**PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.**

County Court, Camille Felix Desiré Caillard, esq.; judge;

George Edmund Wilcox, esq., Calne, high bailiff; Alexander Blucher Smith, esq., Place house, Market place, registrar; Jacob Newman, Forest, sub-bailiff

Gas Works, Mr. Benjamin Shaul, Bank street, manager

Melksham Rifle Corp (12th Wilt), Justly William Awdry, esq., captain; Meredith Brown, jun., esq., Nonsuch, lieutenant

Mutual Improvement Society, Reading Rooms, Bank street, Mr. William Carter, Church street, secretary

Station House, Market place, Thomas Gibson, Inspector

Town Hall & Cheese Market, Market place

Wiltsire Friendly Society, Canhold, Singer Stokes, steward

**PUBLIC OFFICERS.**

Clerk to Assessed & Land Tax Commissioners, Charles Moule, Lowbourne

Clerk to Board of Guardians of Melksham Union, Philip Phelps, Market street

Clerk to Commissioners of Hall Turnpike Trust, Arthur Gore, Esq., Lowbourne

Actuary of Savings Bank, Arthur Gore, Esq., Lowbourne

Clerk to Commissioners of Melksham Turnpike Trust, Arthur Gore, Lowbourne

**post office**

**official establishments, local institutions, &c.**

**POST OFFICE**

**post and money order office, post office savings bank, and government annuity and insurance office, bank street.**

**postmaster—Mr. Alexander Cochrane.**

**DESPATCH OF LETTERS.**

Day Mail—London 11.30 a.m. or by affixing an extra stamp till 11.35 a.m. Bath, Bristol, North of England, North Wales, Ireland & Scotland, 2 p.m. or by affixing an extra stamp till 2.20 p.m.

Evening Mail—Salisbury, Dorset, South Wales & Hampshire, 7 p.m. London & all parts of the United Kingdom 9.15 p.m. or by affixing an extra stamp till 9.30 p.m.

**DELIVERY OF LETTERS.**

London & all parts of the United Kingdom, 7 a.m. summer 7.30 a.m. winter; Hampshire & Midland Country 9 a.m. summer & winter. London (second delivery) 12.30 p.m. summer & winter.

Melksham: By the Post Office Savings Bank & Government Annuity business transacted daily from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m.; except on Saturdays, when the hours are from 9 a.m. till 8 p.m.

**MAGISTRATES.**

Ralph Ludlow Lopes, Esq., Sandridge Park

Wadham Locke, Esq., Cleve house, Seend

William Speke, Esq., Monks house, Corsham

C. J. T. Connolly, Esq., Cottles house, Atworth

Henry Goddard Awry, Esq., Notton Lodge

G. B. Fuller, Esq., The Ridge, Corsham

The following places are included in the Petty Sessional Division of Melksham:—Melksham, with its titheings as Beanace, Blackmore, Canonhold, Shaw, Shurnholm, Whitley & Woodrow, also Seend, Semington and Whaddon. Courts are held at the Town Hall, Melksham, on the last Tuesday in each month & every Tuesday for Criminal justice, commencing at 12 o'clock.

**TOWN COMMISSIONERS.**

Justly W. Awdry

John Baines

Benjamin Barton

Alexander Cochrane

William Eyres

Edward G. Floody

Arthur Gore

John Hunt

Samuel A. Jeffers

James R. King

Robert Laine

Joseph H. Maggs

Clerk to the Commissioners, Arthur Gore, Esq., Lowbourne.

**MELEKSHAM UNION.**

Union house at Semington.

Chairman, William Perkins Clark, Esq., Trowbridge

Guardians, Ex-Office, Ralph Ludlow Lopes, Esq., Sandridge Park; Wadham Locke, Esq., Seend

William Collings, T. S. Gregory, Thomas Newman, George Pritchard; Seeed: Messrs. William Tayler, & John Baines; Semington: Mr. William Tayler; Whaddon: Mr. Charles Redman

**facture, is carried on here, and considerable business is done in malting.**

Petty sessions are held by the Justices of the Peace for Melksham division at the Town Hall on the last Tuesday in each month, and a County court for the recovery of small debts is likewise held at the same place every fourth week. The district includes the following places:—


The Town Hall and Cheese Market were erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders, at an expense of £8,583; they form a spacious and well-arranged edifice of white freestone, in the Italian style, and a great ornament to the town.

The River Avon passes through Melksham, and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant balustrades; near are a large corn-mill, an extensive cloth factory, and dye-houses. The Wilts and Berks Canal passes on the edge of the town, and about a mile southward joins the Kennet and Avon Canal.
DIRECTORY.

Clerk to Town Commissioners, Arthur Gore, esq. Lowbourne.
Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham Division, Philip Phillips, Market place.
Registrar of County Court, Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place.
Clerk to Deputy Lieutenants of Sub-Division of Melksham & Tonhead, Philip Phillips, Market place.
Clerk to Magistrates of Melksham Division, Philip Phillips, Market place.
Clerk to the Market Company, A. Gore, esq. Lowbourne.
Commissioners for Taking Affidavits in the Common Law Courts, Justice William Audry, Market place; Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place.
Commissioners for Taking Acknowledgements of Married Women, Justice William Audry, Market place; Alexander Blucher Smith, Market place.
Registrar of Births & Deaths for Melksham District, Singer Stokes, Canford; Deputy, John Baines, Bank street.
Register of Marriages for Melksham District, Frederick Smith, Bank street.
Relieving Officer for Melksham District, Singer Stokes, Canford.
Sub-Distributor of Stamps, Charles George Moule, Lowbourne.
Superintendant Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages for the Melksham Union, Philip Phillips, Market place.
Deputy-Superintendent Registrar, Alexander Coshman, Bank street.
Assistant Overseer & Collector of Poor Rates, John P. Berry, Bank street.
Bailiff of the Hundred & Manor of Melkham, William Ovington, Outmarsh.
Inspector of Nuisances, Charles Merrett, Market place.

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Husband Mrs. Whitley
Jefferys Mrs. Lowbourne
Jefferys Samuel Alex. esq. Coburg place
King Jasper Ramboll, esq. Lowbourne house
Knapp Mr. James, Bath road
Lopes Ralph Ludow, esq. J.P. Sandridge park
Maggie Mr. Joseph Herbert, The Spa
Manning Mr. Robert, Shurnhold
Matravers Mr. John Howard, Avon bridge
Matravers William, esq. Avon bridge
Moore Edward Evan, esq. M.D. Market place
Miller Miss, King street
Miller Lewis, esq. Spa road
Mitchell Rev. J. [Wesleyan], Canford
Moule Mrs. The Spa
Newte Mr. Wm. Fredk. Coburg place
Nut Rev. George, M.A. Shaw parsonage
O’Connor Chas. F. esq. M.A. Shaw house
Oldham William, esq. Whitley
Palmer Thomas, esq. Bank house
Patterson Rev. H. J. [curate]
Phillips, esq. Market place
Phillips Rev. John H. M.A. [curate]
Market place

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Andrews Mr. Richard, Avon house
Awry Justly William, esq. Thornbank
Barlow Mrs. Davies road
Barnwell Rev. Edward Lowry, Melksham house
Beaven Mr. Christopher, Coburg place
Bevan Mr. James, Rose cottage, Bowerhill
Blewitt Mrs. Caroline, Coburg place
Cliff Stephen Brown, esq. Bank street
Cooper Mrs. Coburg place
Crook Mrs. Ann, King street
Curtis Miss, Church street
Dickensoy
Evans Mr. Hugh Foskett, Shurnhold
Eyres Mr. William, Bank street
Fowler Mrs. Bank street
Fowler Robert Nicholas, esq. Elm grove
Gore Arthur, esq. Giffords
Hamel Mrs. Henry, Bath road
Harris Mr. William, Grove cottage
Hartley Mrs. Augustus, The Lawn
Heathcote Mrs. Shaw hill
Hey Mrs. The Lawn
Hervey Captain, The Spa
Hume Rev. George, M.A. [vicar & surrogates], Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Adams Alfred, baker, Forest
Adams James, machinist, Old Broughton road
Adams Mary Ann (Mrs.), livery stable keeper, Bank street
Adams William, engineer &c. Bradford road
Angell William, boot & shoe maker & subcontractor, Shaw Arthur Charles, painter & glazier, Bank street
Austin Robert, Golden Fleece, Folly lane
Austin Thomas, inland revenue officer, High street
Awry Justly William, solicitor, Market place
Baines Mr. John, chemist druggist, Bank street
Ball John, general dealer, Lowbourne
Bartlett John, outfitter, Bath buildings
Barton — (Misses), bakers & corn dealers, Market place

Shaw Church, Rev. George Nutt, M.A. incumbent;
Rev. Henry Hopkins, M.A. curate
Baptist Chapel, Broughton road, Rev. J. H. Wood, minister
Baptist Chapel (Particular), Union street, Rev. Harry Focock, minister
Baptist Chapel, Beaure, ministers various
Baptist Chapel, Forest, ministers various
Congregational Chapel, Market place, Rev. H. Young, minister
Friends' Meeting House, King street
Wesleyan Chapel, High street, Rev. J. Mitchell, minister
Wesleyan Chapel, Whitley, ministers various

SCHOOLS.

Grammar, Edward Vaughan Williams, esq., B.A. head master
National, Churchyard, William Carter, master; Miss Maria Hitchens, mistress
British, Lowbourne, Daniel Pick, master

POSTING HOUSES.

King's Arms hotel, Henry Steward, Market place
Bear inn, Henry Bown, Bank street

CONVEYANCE.

 Omnibus to & from the 'King's Arms' to meet the arrival & departure of the trains

CARRIERS.

Bath—Thomas Taylor, from his house, Cannon square, every Wednesday & Saturday, returning same day
London & all parts (by rail)—Great Western Railway company, station, Bath road

RAILWAY.

Great Western, station, Bath road, L. H. Nolan, station master; Henry Steward, 'King's Arms,' Market place, goods agent

WATER CONVEYANCE.

Bath & Bristol—Boats leave the wharf, Devizes road, twice a week with goods, days uncertain

PHILLIPS Mrs. Avon house
PHILLIPS Mr. William, Avon house
Pimlmer Mrs. Church street
Pocker Mr. Harry, Union street
Quattle Miss, Seinington road
Rawings James, esq. Shurnhold
Rutty Mr. King street
Sey Mr. Arthur, Shurnhold
Shorland Edward, esq. King street
Sincock Mr. David, Whitley
Simpson Williams, Coburg place
Simpson Mr. Robert, Devizes road
Smith Alexander Blucher, esq. Place house, Market place
Smith Mrs. The Spa
Stiles Mr. Edward A. Canford
Svenser Saml. A. esq. Bowerhill lodge
Watts Mrs. Lowbourne
Williams Mrs. The Spa
Williams Edward Vaughan, esq., B.A. Church street
Williams Richard, esq. The Ark
Wilson Charles, esq. Canon square
West rev. J. H. [Baptist], Lowbourne
Young Rev. Henry [Congregational]
Union street
Burgess Henry, watch maker & confectioner, Lowbourne
Butler Thomas, taylor, Union street
Butler William, farmer, Beaunacre
Campion Thomas, brewer & maltster, Shaw
Carver William, carpenter, King street
Clarke George, house agent, Canon square
Clarke William, cattle dealer, Spa road
Cleverley Hannah (Mrs.), watch maker, Lowbourne
Cleverley John, plasterer, Union street
Cochrane Alexander, postmaster, printer, bookkeeper, bookbinder, stationer, newspaper & advertising agent & agent for the West of England Fire & Life Office, Bank street
Coulbourne Henry, grocer & bacon factor, High street
Coulbourne Nelson, plasterer, Union street
Coulbourne William, pillar, Canfield
Collett John, Bell & brewer, Bath road
Collett Mrs. S. B., Bowerhill
Collett William, butcher, Bath road
Collings William, farmer & auctioneer, Antimars
Cook Mary (Mrs.), grocer, Market place
Cottle C., farmer, New town
Cottle William, farmer, Congreave farm
County Court (Alexander Buescher Smith, esq. registrar), Registrar's office, House, Market place
Cooper Mrs., Unicorn & brewer, Bath road
Creek Thomas Redman, saddler & harness maker, Market place
Crook William, farmer, Beaunacre
Curinck Thomas, farmer, Beaunacre
Daceys W., farmer, Westfield farm
Daceys Thomas, farmer, Westfield farm
Dark Stephen, plasterer, King street
Davis and Elizabeth (Nisses), dress makers, Canfield
Davis William, boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings
Devrell John, plasterer, Lowbourne
Edis Edmund, pork butcher, King street
Eyes Henry, poulterer, Studley
Eyles Edward A. corn & coal merchant, Semington road
Fennell Hugh, farmer, Sandridge
Floods Edward Gurne, draper & wine & spirit merchant, High street
Flower Benjamin, poulterer, Woodrow
Flower John, farmer, Melksham park
Flower Mary (Mrs.), ladies' school, Church street
Fox Elizabeth S. (Miss), chimney sweeper, King street
French John, farmer, Blackmore
Fry John, farmer, Queenfield
Gale John, poulterer, The Acre
Gale John, poulterer, Phileas sun, Broughton road
Gerrish Isaac, tailor, The Laugh
Gibson Thomas, inspector of police, Police station, Market place
Gore Arthur, solicitor, commissioner for the administration of oaths & affidavits in the courts of chancery, actuary of the savings bank, clerk to the town commissioners, clerk to the Melksham & Holt Trotting Club, secretary to the Market Company, & agent for the London & Provincial Law Life Office, Lowbourne place
Gray George, watch & clock maker, Bank street
Gregory John, farmer, Sandridge
Gregory Thomas Stephens, farmer, Woodrow
Gunstone Jacob, stone mason, Beaunacre
Guyton John, stone mason, Union street
Guy William, seedsmen, King street
Haines Charles, baker, Church street
Haines Edmund, plumber & glazier, Union street
Haines Henry, joiner & glazier, Union street
Hend Sidney, farmer, Sally Inn
Harris Alfred, butcher, Bath buildings
Harris Joseph, plasterer & glazier, Canfield
Harris Thomas, brazier, Old market street
Hawkins William, farmer, Stratton lane
Hinder Cornelius, accountant, Devizes road
Hinder Samuel, auctioneer, Market place
Hicksen Eliza (Mrs.), baker, Canfield
Hodgonnats James, farmer, Semington road
Hordland William, beer retailer, Church street
Hughes Emma (Mrs.), grocery & confectioner, Lowbourne road
Humphries Mark, baker & shopkeeper, Woodrow
Hunt & Hayter, tailors, High street
Hunn James, carpenter, Bank street
Hutt Joseph, baker, West street
Hutton Thomas, general dealer, King street
Jarvis William, grocer, King street
Jeans John, draper, Market place
Jones Job, grocer, Bath road
Jones Joseph, draper, King street
Jones Joseph, wheelwright & blacksmith, Lowbourne
Jones William, tailor & draper, King street
Jordan John, blacksmith, City
Keene George, shopkeeper &c. Old Broughton road
Kenoe John, shoemaker, Shurnheld
Kevel John, farmer, Shaw
Kevelle Richard, farmer, Beaunacre
Kennedy George, farmer, surgeon, Market place
King Jasper Ramboll, surgeon, Lowbourne house
Knee Charles, wheelwright, Union street
Knee Jane (Mrs.), straw bonnet maker, Bath building
Knee John, boot & shoe maker, Bath building
Laine Robert, chemist & druggist, Market place
Lewington John, coal merchant, King street
Lewington William, plainer, High street
Little James, maltster, Shaw
Little Thomas, coal merchant, Shaw
Lodge James, White Hart, King street
Long John, farmer, Dazzell's farm
Long Joseph, farmer, Beaunacre
Maggs Joseph Herbert, manufacturer of flat & round rope, twine, sailing, cocoanut fibre, matting, marquesse, tene, waterproof covers &c. & coal merchant, Devizes road & at 33 Market place, Devizes
Manning Henry John, farmer, Forest
Mansfield Elizabeth (Mrs.), corn dealer, Bank street
Mansfield Mary Ann (Mrs.), straw bonnet maker, Bank street
Marchant John, boot & shoe maker, City
Martin George, boot & shoe retailer, Beaunacre
Matravers William & Son, woollen manufacturers, Avon bridge
Merrys Edward Evan, M.D., surgeon, Market place
Melksham Grammar School (Edward Vaughan Williams, esq., B.A., head master), Church street
Melksham Rifle Corps (11th Wilts) (Captain Justly William Awdry, esq.; Lieut. Meredith Brown, jun. esq. Nonsub)
Merritt Charles, inspector of nuisances, Market place
Merritt Daniel, farmer, Shaw
Miles Isaac, confectioner, Market place
Miller Lewis, surgeon, Spa road
Mizen Emma (Mrs.), grocer, Bath road
Neale Charles, chimney sweeper, King street
Newman Jacob, chimney sweeper, Woodrow
Newman James, butcher, Bank street
Newman Mrs. farmer, Forest
Newman Thomas, farmer, Cray Marsh
Newman William, farmer, Bower hill
Newman William, farmer, Inmarsh
Newton Henry, cabinet maker, Lowbourne
North Wilts Glass & Company's Head Office (Thomas Palmer, general manager), hours 10 to 3, Bank street & draw on Dinsdale & Co. 50 Cornhill, London e.c
Oakes Eli, wheelwright & blacksmith, High street
Oakey Jane (Mrs.), dress maker, King street
Oatley John, blacksmith, King street
O'Connor Charles F. M.A. academy, Shaw house
Palmer Thomas, general manager North Wilts Bank, Bank street
Pearce Mrs. farmer, Shaw
Perrett William, grocer & High street
Phipps Philip, land agent, clerk to the magistrates, to the commissioners of property tax, to board of guardians, to deputy lieutenants of the subdivision of Melksham & Tisbury, to the Tisbury Highway board, & superintendent registrar of births, deaths & marriages for Melksham union, Market place
Pocock Lucy (Mrs.), farmer, Whitley
Pocock William, poulterer, Whitley
Porter John, boot & shoe maker, Whitley
Powell John, farmer, Whitley
Pritchard George, farmer, Semington road
Pulling George, barley merchant, Market place
Rawlings James, solicitor, Shurnheld
Readings Rooms & Mutual Improvement Society (William Carter, secretary), Bank street
Redman Frederick, farmer, Shurnheld
Redman John, grocer, Bank street
Reynolds William, carrier, King street
Richard Thomas (Mrs.), grocer & confectioner, Bower hill
Ricketts Thomas, brewer & grocer, City
Rogers Eliza (Mrs.), ladies' school, King street
Salter Joseph, saddler & harness maker, Market place
Sawyer Louise (Mrs.), draper, Church street
Sartain Aquila, tailor, Union street
Savings Bank (Arthur Gore, esq. actuary), open on the 1st & 3rd saturdays in the month from 3 to 4 p.m., British school, Lowbourne
DIRECTORY.

Sawyer Esther M.) farmer, Forest Self Lot, farmer, Rhoterri.)e Selman William R. tailor, Canon square Shoul Benjamin, confectioner, Bank street Sheard Joseph, baker, King street Shepherd Joseph, baker, King street Shorland Edward, surgeon, King street Smithes Nathaniel, Sen., ironmonger, High street Smart Sarah (Mrs.), shopkeeper & greengrocer, Market pl Smith Alexander Blucher, solicitor, commissioner for the administration of oaths & affidavits in the chancery & county courts; & for taking acknowledgments of married women, registrar of the county court, agent for the Imperial Fire & Life & Edinburgh Life Offices, Place house, Market place.

MERE is a market town, in the Southern division of the county, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, rural deanery of Illminster, petty sessions division, and county court district of Shaftesbury, 23 miles west-by-north from Salisbury, 102 west-south-west from London, 7 west from Hilmarton, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton, 11 3/4 from the Somerset railway, and in from Gillingham railway station, situated on the borders of three counties—Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset—which unite in the vicinity, and are distant from Salisbury to Taunton 20 miles. The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a stone building, in good condition: the length from east to west is 93 feet; the width from north to south, including the doorway, 60 feet. In the Gothic style, it is the figure of a saint, which appears to be of an earlier date than the church itself: the tower is at the west end of the church, which seems to be the usual mode of building in this part of Wiltshire; it is very stately and well built, square in form, turreted, 90 yards high, surmounted at the angles with four lofty pinnacles, and containing 6 musical bells. The register dates from 1723, and the churchwardens' books, still preserved, date from 1650. The living is a vicarage, value £400 a year, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury by the Rev. Giles Henry Townsend, M.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford. Here is a National school, and a school in connection with the Congregational Board of Education; also chapels for the Primitive Methodists, the Wesleyans, and the Independents. In the streets and handsome structure, flax spinning and silk throwing are carried on here, and the town is lighted by gas. The old market place, once a site to new ones now in course of erection. The following is a list of places in Mere union:—Bolton (Dorset), Chaddenwicke, Kilmington (Somerset), Kingston Deverill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Maiden Bradley, Mere Town, Monckton Deverill, Upper Portwood, Sedghill, Sifton (Dorset), Stanton, Woodlands, and Zeals. The market is on Tuesday; and annual fairs are held on the 2nd May and the 10th of October. Here is a literary institute and reading room, and in 1850 a penny bank was established. In 1850 a cemetery was opened; during the excavations necessary in its formation, an oven containing the bones of 400 Roman coins of very ancient date. Two mortuary chapels have been erected. More constitutes a part of the Duchy of Cornwall; in the year 1353 a pension was given to the Richard, Earl of Cornwall to build a castle on the hill, now known as Castle Hill, and afterwards to fortify it. Mere Park, near the town, in a south-west direction, contains about 810 acres. The Somerset water rises from a chalk hill in the neighbourhood, and after several mills have been turned by the stream, it passes on and joins the river Stour. The Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is lord of the manor. The principal landowners are the Duke of Somerset, Meyrick Bankes, Esq., Sir Henry A. Hoare, Bart., and Miss Grove. The soil is chalk and flint; subsoil, clay and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, beans, oats, and on the south of the town, fine grazing land. The parish contains 7,300 acres, and the population in 1861 was 1,510, exclusive of the tithings, which in the whole parish 2,925.

Parish Clerk, Frederick Cross.


Wiltshire Friendly Society (Singer Stokes, steward), Can­holm mills.

Wills Thomas, stone mason, City Young Jane (Mrs.), baker, High street.

Zeals Green is a hamlet of Mere, formed into an ecclesiastical parish. The church of St. Martin is a Gothic stone building, formerly a nunnery, has a nave and chancel; it is 75 feet long, and 22 feet wide, and will seat about 280 persons. The living is a perpetual curacy, value £230, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Mere; and held by the Rev. Spencer Willoughby, M.A., of Magdalene College, Cambridge. Here are four almshouses, erected and endowed by the late William Chalwyn Grove, Esq., in memory of his mother. Here is a National school.

Post Office.—Tem Smart, receiver. Letters delivered from Frome at 7 a.m.; dispatched at 7.10 p.m. via Bath. The nearest market is the Wiltshire Fair, held on October 30.

National School, Miss Mary Snedgrove, mistress Congregational School, Miss Theresa Snook, mistress

Chaddenwick is a titheing, with 21 inhabitants; Woodlands, a titheing, with 1,192; Wootton, Bush Hayes, Manor House, Barrow Street, and Burton are adjacent places.

Post & Money Order Offices:—Post Office Savings Bank & General Insurance Office. Robert Randall, postmaster. Letters via Bath are delivered at 7.30 a.m.; dispatched at 6.45 p.m.

Insurance Agent.—Norwich Union, Charles Card

Public Estates:—The limestone depot; the market place; the Literary Institute & Reading Room, John Farley Rutter, secretary; John Cross, librarian

Local Board of Health, the managers are the Board of Guardians

Union Workhouse, John Joseph Humby, master; Mrs. Jane Humby, matron

Public Officers:—

Clerk to the Guardians of the Mere Union, Henry Snook
Manager of Gas Works, John Farley Rutter
Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages for the Mere District, Valentine Harris Norris
Relieving Officer for the Mere Union, Valentin Harris Norris
Sanitary Inspector for Mere Union, Valentine Harris Norris
Superintendent Registrar for Mere District, Henry Snook

Solicitor to the Property Protection Society & Clerk to the Burial Board, John Farley Rutter

Schools:—

National, Geo. Athor, master; Miss Sarah Dowanton, mistress,
British, Walter Walker, master; Miss Isabella Bremner, mistress.

Carriers:—

James Coward, from Mere to Frome, Monday & Thursday; returning Wednesday & Saturday;
Thomas Dove & Co.'s van leaves Mere daily for the Semley & Shaftesbury station, whence passengers, parcels & goods are forwarded per rail to London, Bristol &c.; goods also forwarded to all parts of Wilt, Dorset & Somerset.

John Norris, from Mere to Wincanton, on Wednesday; to Warminster, on Thursday; to Frome, on Monday; to Shaftesbury, on Saturday.