

now form a parish near this place, in the union of Fording-bridge; the area is 647 acres; rateable value, £319; the population in 1881 was 22.

TIDPIT is a hamlet a quarter of a mile south.

Parish Clerk, William Cox.

Post & M. O. O. & S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—  
John Titt, receiver. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 8.30

Cull Mrs  
Michell Rev. Eardley Wilmot, jun. M.A.  
Vicarage  
Waters Mrs. Thomas, Tidpit  
White Josiah

COMMERCIAL.

Bennett Wm. Hy. farmr. East Martin frm  
Bishop George, carpenter & wheelwright  
Blandford Ambrose, farmer, Tidpit

Bright Joseph, farmer  
Curtis Walter, farmer  
Dibben Thomas, bricklayer  
Dove Charles, shoe maker  
Flemington George, general dealer  
Ford George, farmer  
Harris Walter, butcher  
Hiscock Thomas, bailiff to Col. Bentinck  
Martin Malachi, landowner & farmer

Ryall Christopher, farmer  
Scammell Ellen (Mrs.), grocer & baker  
Street William, farmer & landowner  
Thompson Jane (Mrs.), Coote's Arms P.H  
Titt John, boot manufacturer, & post office  
Troke Richard J. farmer  
Waters George, farmer, Toyd farm  
White John, farmer  
Witt John, blacksmith

a.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. The nearest telegraph office is at Cranborne

National School, built at a cost of £320, of which £123 was contributed by the Committee of Council, the remainder by subscription; it will hold 120 children; average attendance, 60; John McCullam, master

CARRIERS TO SALISBURY.—Thomas Cannings & George Flemington, Tues. & Sat

## MELKSHAM.

MELKSHAM is a market and union and county court town, and head of petty sessional division, and parish, with a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western railway, 100 miles from London, 30 north-west from Salisbury, 6 north-east from Bradford, 5 north-east from Trowbridge, 7 west from Devizes, 9½ from Westbury, 14 from Warminster, 12 east from Bath, 7 south from Chippenham and 5 south-south-east from Corsham, in the Western division of the county, hundred of the same name, rural deanery of Potterne Bradford portion, archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury.

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: it consists principally of one street nearly a mile in length, is well paved, and lighted with gas by a company, and is well supplied with water by the Trowbridge Water Company: the houses are well built, of soft freestone, but irregularly placed: the town is governed by a local board of twelve members. The river Avon divides the town and is crossed by a handsome bridge of four arches, with light and elegant balustrades. The Wilts and Berks canal passes on the east of the town, and about 1½ miles southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal.

There are two mineral springs, one saline and the other chalybeate, in the vicinity; and in 1816 a new saline spa was obtained by boring to a depth of 351½ feet; it was anticipated that Melksham would advance into note in consequence of the medicinal qualities these waters possessed, and every accommodation for visitors was provided, including a pump-room, hot and cold baths, a handsome crescent and an agreeable promenade; but after a very great outlay, the wells did not prove attractive and are now little used.

The church of St. Michael is a spacious structure of free-stone, chiefly of Perpendicular work, dates from the Norman period, consisting of a Norman chancel, nave of five bays, and aisles, north porch, with an embattled tower surmounted by pinnacles and containing 6 bells: it was restored and enlarged in 1840, when the central tower was removed and the present tower built at the west end; and again restored in 1881, when an organ was added: the sittings, in number 600, are all free. The register dates from the year 1560. The living is a vicarage, tithe rent-charge commuted at £920, and 3 acres of glebe, with residence, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1876 by the Rev. Francis Warre M.A. of Balliol College, Oxford, canon of Salisbury and surrogate.

There is a handsome chapel (St. Andrew's) situated about 1 mile from the town, built in the Early English style, at the sole expense of the late Rev. E. L. Barnwell, of Melksham House, for the use of the district of Sandridge and

Melksham Forest: it consists of chancel, nave and south porch, and western bell turret containing one bell: there are 200 sittings: adjoining the chapel there is a building comprising a Sunday school-room, and house for the use of the sexton, built in the year 1880, from plans given by the late G. E. Street esq. R.A. holding 150 children.

The Society of Friends' meeting house, King street, erected in 1734, has 300 seats.

The Baptist chapel, Broughton road, founded in 1669, has 400 sittings. Ebenezer Baptist chapel, Union street, erected in 1835, will seat 150 persons. The Baptist chapel, Forest, erected in 1839, has seats for 110 persons.

The Congregational chapel, Market place, founded in 1773, has 400 sittings.

The Primitive Methodist chapel, Forest, will seat 150 persons.

The Wesleyan chapel, Market place, erected in 1872, has 450 seats.

The Town Hall and Cheese Market were erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders at an expense of £3,350; they form a spacious and well-arranged edifice of white free-stone, in the Italian style. The New Hall, Market place, built by Miss Fowler, is a building of Bath stone, and is used for lectures and meetings; it will hold 200 persons. The market is held on every alternate Tuesday in the month for cattle, sheep and pigs. A fair for cattle, sheep and horses is held in the Market place on the 27th of July.

The manufacture of flat and round rope, haircloths, cocoa fibre and sacking are carried on here. There is also an india rubber factory carried on by the Avon India Rubber Co.

A Cottage Hospital was established here in 1868, containing 6 beds; there were 24 in-patients in 1888.

Bruges' charity of about £20 yearly, half of which goes to Seend, is distributed in blankets by the vicar and churchwardens at Christmas. There are also two small charities, left by the Rev. Bohun Fox and Mr. Pritchard respectively, for the benefit of the poor, at the discretion of the vicar.

The principal landowners are Walter Hume Long esq. M.P. of Rood Ashton House, who is lord of the manor, Lord Methuen, Ralph Ludlow Lopes esq. J.P., D.L. of Sandridge Park, and Mrs. Ludlow Bruges, of Seend.

The area of the civil parish is 8,303 acres; rateable value, £24,961; the population in the town in 1881 was 2,178, and of the parish, 4,412.

BEANACRE is a tithing 1 mile north-west. Here is a Baptist chapel, erected in 1839. BLACKMORE, 1 mile south-east, is also a tithing. A mission chapel was erected in 1887, capable of holding 100 persons. A school-room adjoining is now (1889) in course of erection.

Parish Clerk, Singer Stokes.

Sexton, Joseph William Salter.

### Official Establishments, Local Institutions, &c.

Post, M. O. & T. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office, Bank street.—Joseph Herbert Maggs, postmaster

DISPATCH OF LETTERS.—Day Mail—London, Bath, Bristol, North of England, North Wales, Ireland & Scotland, 11 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. or, by affixing an extra stamp, till 2.35 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 7 a.m. Salisbury & Midland Counties 9.30 a.m. London (day mail) 1.30 & 5.50 p.m.

Money Order, Savings Bank & Annuity business transacted daily from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. & on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WALL BOXES at Spa, Devizes road, Forest, Station road & Beanacre

### County Magistrates for Melksham Division.

Lopes Ralph Ludlow esq. M.A., D.L. Sandridge park, Melksham, chairman

Lee Wm. Blackstone esq. Somerset house, Seend, Melksham

Ludlow-Bruges Hy. Hungerford M.A. Seend house, Melksham

Stancomb John Frederick esq. M.A. Shaw house, Melksham

Clerk to the Magistrates, Ernest Dalton Burrough Locke, High street

Petty Sessions are held at the Town hall on the first Friday in each month, & daily for criminal business commencing at 11 a.m.

The following places are included in the petty sessional division:—Melksham, with its tithings of Beanacre, Blackmore, Canhold, Shaw & Whitley, Shurnhold & Woodrow, also Seend, Semington (with Littleton) & Whaddon

**Local Board.**

Meetings held at the Local Board office, Lowbourn, the third Friday in every month at 11 a.m.

**MEMBERS.**

Smith Alex. Gough, chairman	Stratton Alfred
Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough	Moore Moses
White Henry John	Lee John
Cattell Colonel Edward	Tilke Theodore William
Awdry Justly William	Hayter John
Usher James	Maggs Charles

Clerk, Charles George Moule, Lowbourn  
 Treasurer, F. J. Falkner Moule, Capital & Counties Bank  
 Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes  
 Surveyor, Oliver Kimber, Seend  
 Inspector of Nuisances, David Mackenzie, St. Andrew's villa  
 Collector, Joseph William Salter, Bank street

**Police.**

Police Station, Market place, Albert Millard, inspector  
 The police force consists of an inspector & 6 constables, placed as follows:—An inspector & 1 constable at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest, Semington & Seend

**Insurance Agents.**

Alliance Fire & Life, C. G. Moule, Lowbourn  
 Commercial Union, J. Parker, Wilts & Dorset Bank  
 County Fire, F. Smith, Bank street  
 Economic Life, E. D. B. Locke, High street  
 General, A. Adams, Union st.; A. G. Smith, Gower villa, Place road  
 Guardian Fire & Life, A. G. Smith, Gower villa, Place road  
 Imperial Fire & Life, A. G. Smith, Gower villa, Place road  
 Liverpool & London & Globe, E. D. B. Locke, High street  
 Northern Fire & Life, J. Parker, Wilts & Dorset Bank, Market place  
 Norwich Union Fire, J. W. Salter, Bank street  
 Phoenix Fire, A. Coombe, The Ark  
 Provident Life, F. Smith, Bank street, & E. D. B. Locke, High street  
 Royal Exchange, E. D. B. Locke, High street, & E. J. Lowther, Shurnhold house  
 Sun Fire, J. W. Awdry, Market place

**Public Establishments.**

County Court, His Honor Camille Felix Desiré Caillard, judge; Alexander Gough Smith, registrar & acting high bailiff; Jacob Redman Newman, Forest, assistant bailiff. The court is held at the Town hall once in two months. The district includes the following places:—Atworth, Beanacre, Blackmore, Bowerhill, Broughton Gifford, The Forest, Littleton, Melksham, Red Stocks, Sandridge, Seend, Semington, Shaw, Whaddon, Whitley & Woodrow  
 Certified Bailiffs under the Law of Distress Amendment Act, Jacob Redman Newman, Forest; & Joseph Collett, Bower hill  
 Cottage Hospital, Samuel Grose M.D.; Wm. Ingram Keir F.R.C.S. Edin.; Charles Frederic Rumboll M.D., B.S. hon. medical officers; Colonel Edward Cattell, hon. sec  
 New Hall, Market place  
 Town Hall & Cheese Market, Charles George Moule, sec. Lowbourn  
 Volunteer Fire Brigade, Market house, keys kept at police station & at Joseph Jones's, Lowbourn; Joseph Jones, Lowbourn, captain  
 Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), 2nd V. B. (H Company), head quarters, Drill hall, Church street, Capt. Charles Frederic Rumboll; H. W. Taylor, second lieut.; Color-Sergt. William Davies, drill instructor

**MELKSHAM UNION.**

Board day, every other Monday at 11 a.m. at the union.  
 The Melksham Union comprises the following places, viz.:—Hilberton, Melksham, Seend, Semington, Trowbridge & Whaddon; rateable value, £81,201; population in 1881 was 18,077  
 Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, William John Mann, Trowbridge  
 Treasurer, Fredk. Jn. Falkner Moule, Capital & Counties Bnk  
 Relieving Officers, No. 1 district, S. W. Homan, Trowbridge; No. 2 district, Singer Stokes, Canhold, Melksham  
 Collectors to the Guardians, Melksham district, Frank Usher Greenhill, Lowbourn, Melksham; Trowbridge district, S. W. Homan, Trowbridge  
 Vaccination Officers, The Registrars of Births & Deaths  
 Medical Officers, No. 1 district, George Christopher Tayler M.D. Trowbridge; No. 2 district, Nicholas Vincent Wise L.K.Q.C.P. Irel. Trowbridge; No. 3 district, Charles Frederic Rumboll M.D., B.S. Lowbourn house, Melksham, No. 4 & 5 districts, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes, Melksham  
 Public Vaccinators, Melksham district, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes, Melksham; Trowbridge district, George Christopher Tayler M.D. Trowbridge

Superintendent Registrar, William John Mann, Trowbridge; deputy, Thomas Newman, Coburg place, Melksham  
 Registrars of Births & Deaths, Melksham sub-district, Singer Stokes, Canhold, Melksham; deputy, Joseph W. Salter, Bank street, Melksham; Trowbridge sub-district, Thomas S. Hill, 2 Westbourne road, Trowbridge; deputy, John Merrett, The Down, Trowbridge  
 Registrar of Marriages, Frederick Smith, Bank street, Melksham; deputy, George Gray, High street, Melksham; John Diplock, High street, Trowbridge; deputy, J. E. Evans, jun. The Parade, Trowbridge  
 Workhouse, Semington, a building of stone, erected in 1835, to hold 350 inmates, Rev. Stephen Murray Chapman M.A. chaplain; George Morris Sylvester, medical officer; George Childe, master; Miss Mary Childe, matron; Joseph D. Park, schoolmaster; Miss Mary A. Mould, schoolmistress

**RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY.**

Meets at the Board room, Semington, every fourth Monday at 1 o'clock.  
 Clerk, William John Mann, Trowbridge  
 Treasurer, F. J. Falkner Moule, Capital & Counties Bank  
 Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes, Melksham  
 Inspector, David Mackenzie, Melksham

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.**

Meets at the New hall, Melksham, twice every quarter.  
 Clerk, W. J. Mann, Trowbridge  
 Attendance Officer, The Relieving Officer  
 Inquiry Officer, Singer Stokes, Canhold

**Public Officers.**

Certifying Factory Surgeon, William Ingram Keir F.R.C.S. Edin., L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes, Melksham  
 Clerk to Land Tax Commissioners, Charles George Moule, Lowbourn  
 Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham Division & to Deputy Lieutenants of Sub-Division of Melksham & Tinhead, Charles George Moule, Lowbourn  
 Collector of Poor Rates, Frank Usher Greenhill, Lowbourn  
 Sub-Distributor of Stamps, Chas. Geo. Moule, Lowbourn  
 Town Crier, William Barton, Lowbourn  
 Inspector of Weights & Measures for Melksham, Bradford & Trowbridge, Superintendent White, Police station, Trowbridge  
 Inspector of Police, Albert Millard, Police station

**Places of Worship, with times of Services.**

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. Canon Francis Warre M.A. vicar; Revs. Edward Herbert Pulling, Charles Mackenzie Steedman M.A. & George E. Long, curates; sundays, holy communion, 8 or 8.15 a.m.; morning prayer, 11 a.m.; evening, 6.30 p.m.; daily prayer, 10 a.m. & wed. 7 p.m.  
 St. Andrew's Church, Forest, served from St. Michael's church; 11 a.m. & 3 & 6 p.m.  
 Friends' Meeting House, King street; registering officer, William Robert Selman, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
 Baptist, Broughton road, Rev. G. A. Webb, minister; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m.  
 Baptist, Beanacre, ministers various; 6 p.m.  
 Baptist, Forest, ministers various; 6 p.m.  
 Particular Baptist (Ebenezer), Union street, ministers various; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
 Congregational, Market place, Rev. John Arthur Beard; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7.15 p.m.  
 Primitive Methodist, Forest, ministers various; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7 p.m.  
 Wesleyan, Market place, Rev. William Dawson Barton; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; mon. 7 p.m. & wed. 7 p.m.

**Schools.**

Melksham National, Churchyard. The first school was built in 1840, now used for girls & infants. In 1878 a building adjoining was utilised as a school for boys & will hold 240; average attendance, 120; girls' & infants' 300; average attendance, 200; William Henry House, master; Miss Harriet Godwin, mistress; Miss Clara Grant, infants' mistress  
 Sandridge National (mixed), with residence for mistress, built in 1874, for 100 children; average attendance, 65; Miss Annie Eliza Corp, mistress  
 British, Lowbourn (mixed), built in 1829, for 330 children; average attendance, 185; Thomas George, master; Miss Annie Slugg, mistress

**Railway.**

Great Western, station, Bath road, Alfred Matthews, station master; J. C. Wall, goods agent; James Larcombe parcel agent  
 Omnibus to & from the 'King's Arms,' to meet the arrival & departure of the trains

**Carriers.**

**BATH.**—John Tucker, from the Bear hotel, Bank street, at 8 a.m. every wed. & sat. returning same days

**DEVIZES.**—John Tucker, from Bear hotel, 9 a.m. on thurs. returning same day

**PRIVATE RESIDENTS.**

Andrews Rev. William, The Spa  
 Andrews Richard, Avon villa  
 Awdry Miss, Bank street  
 Baily Misses, Thornbank  
 Baines Mrs. New Broughton road  
 Ball John, King street  
 Barnes Wm. Henry Francis, Bank st  
 Bartlett Mrs. Coburg place  
 Barton Rev. William Dawson [Wes-  
 leyan], Wesley house  
 Barton Miss, Coburg place  
 Beard Rev. Jn. Arth. Rose cot. Lowbourn  
 Bigwood Walter, Bank street  
 Blake Lewis Henry, Market place  
 Blake Mrs. Market place  
 Bodman Benjamin, Mulberry cottage  
 Boulter Thomas, Union street  
 Breach James, Bowden view  
 Browne Edwin George Willsonne,  
 Beechfield, Beanacre  
 Bulgin Richard, Rose villa  
 Bullock-Webster Ansell, Melksham ho  
 Carpenter William, Canon square  
 Cattell Col. Edward, Bowden view  
 Chilcott William, Bath road  
 Cleverly Mrs. Union street  
 Colbourne Fred, Lowbourn  
 Colbourne Nelson, Union street  
 Collett Joseph, Bower hill  
 Compton Mrs. The Spa  
 Coombe Henry John, Union street  
 Courtis Miss, Bank street  
 Crook Misses, Rose cottage, Bower hill  
 Dancey Misses, Canhold  
 Davis Miss, Coburg place  
 Findlay George Henry, Spa road  
 Foxwell Mrs. Rose cottage  
 Fry Mrs. Coburg place  
 George Thomas, Lowbourn place  
 Glass Alfred, Bank street  
 Greenhill Frank Usher, Lowbourn bdg  
 Grose Samuel M.D. Westbourn  
 Haines William, Canon square

**COMMERCIAL.**

Abbott John, rope maker, Union street  
 Adams Alfred, baker, Union street  
 Allen Ada (Miss), dress maker, Bank street  
 Ames Alfred, farmer, Forest  
 Arter Sidney, beer retailer & brewer, Semington road  
 Arthur Charles, house decorator, Church street  
 Arthur Charles Perkins, painter &c. Market place  
 Arthur Harriett (Miss), dress maker, Church street  
 Avon India Rubber Co. (Browne & Margetson, proprietors);  
 London office, 23 Coleman street E C  
 Awdry Justly William, solicitor &c. Market place  
 Barton William, town crier & bill poster, Lowbourn  
 Beaven & Compton, solicitors, Lowbourn  
 Bigwood Albert Edward, carpenter & joiner, undertaker &  
 cabinet maker; plans prepared & estimates given, King st  
 Bigwood Ann Ellen (Miss), grocer, King street  
 Bigwood Walter, smith & machinist, Bath road  
 Blake William, carpenter, Coburg square  
 Blake William, plumber, painter &c. Bank street  
 Bolwell Edward, coal merchant, Melksham wharf  
 Bowchier John Tayler, shopkeeper, King street  
 Breach James, jun. farmer, Beanacre  
 Brereton Arthur Fredk. inland revenue officer, Lowbourn  
 Brereton Ellen (Miss), teacher of pianoforte, Lowbourn  
 Brooks Edwin, farmer, Sandridge  
 Buchanan Joseph William, tea dealer, City  
 Buckland Frederick, house agent &c. Union street  
 Budd William, manager of gas works, Bank street  
 Bullen Florence Lillian (Miss), preparatory school, Spa road  
 Burbidge George, commission agent, The Grove  
 Burgess Henry, baker & confectioner, High street  
 Capital & Counties Bank Limited (Frederick John Falkner  
 Moule, manager), Bank street; draw on head office, 39  
 Threadneedle street, London E C  
 Carpenter William, carpenter &c. Church street  
 Cheap George, shopkeeper, Lowbourn  
 Chivers Hy. shuttle ma. & miller (water & steam), Challymead  
 Chivers William, greengrocer, Bath road  
 Cleverly Henry John, watch & clock maker, High street  
 Coffee Tavern (Thomas Edward Grist, manager), Bath rd

**LONDON & all parts (by rail).**—Great Western Railway  
 Company, station, Bath road

**Water Conveyance.**

**BATH & BRISTOL.**—Boats leave the wharf, Devizes road,  
 about twice a week with goods

Harris Miss, Market place  
 Harriss Mrs. Croft house  
 Hawkins William, Forest  
 Hayter John, jun. Lowbourn bridge  
 Hillman Frederick George, Bank street  
 Hinder Mrs. Spa road  
 House William Henry, Union street  
 Hurn Albert, Bank street  
 Hurn Walter, Bank street  
 Hutton John, King street  
 Hutton Miss, King street  
 Keevil Edward, Forest  
 Keevil Mrs. Coburg place  
 Keir William Ingram, The Limes  
 Kingston Rev. Edward M.A. [rector of  
 Great Chalfield], The Spa  
 Knee Fredk. Hy. Fern cot. Lowbourn  
 Lee John, Bank street  
 Lewington Job, Drinkwater house  
 Lewington John, King street  
 Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, High st  
 Long Rev. George Edward [curate of  
 St. Michael's], The Spa  
 Lopes Ralph Ludlow M.A., D.L., J.P.  
 Sandridge park  
 Lowther Edward James, Shurnhold ho  
 Mackenzie David, Lowbourn  
 Maggs Charles, Bowerhill lodge  
 Maggs Joseph Herbert, Ye Hutte  
 Manning Arthur Herbert, Bank street  
 Manning Mrs. Shurnold  
 Margetson Jas. Chas. Avon Bridge ho  
 Matravers Mrs. Avon house  
 Matravers Thomas, Market place  
 Matthews Alfred, Canon square  
 Moore Moses, Manoria villa  
 Moule Charles George, Lowbourn  
 Moule Frederick John Falkner, Bank ho  
 Newman Thomas, Coburg place  
 Parker John, Market place  
 Perrott Mrs. Union street  
 Phelps Miss, Avonside  
 Phené Miss, Avonside

Philip William Littlejohn, Union street  
 Pike John, Belmont, The Spa  
 Pocock Mrs. Rock house, Bath road  
 Pocock Mrs. Rose cottage, Lowbourn  
 Pocock Miss, Union street  
 Powell Frederick George, Canon house  
 Pritchard Mrs. Semington road  
 Pulling Rev. Edward Herbert [curate  
 of St. Michael's], High street  
 Redman Mrs. Lowbourn place  
 Rumboll Chas. Frdc. M.D. Lowbourn ho  
 Salter Joseph William, Bank street  
 Sawtell Henry, Chalymead house  
 Sawyer Mrs. Bath road  
 Saxty Charles, Cottingham villa  
 Schomberg Mrs. Cottingham villa  
 Shaul Mrs. Thornbank cottage  
 Shepherd Miss, King street  
 Skinner Eli, Bank street  
 Skinner Mrs. Shurnhold Leaze  
 Smith Alex. Gough, Gower vil. Place rd  
 Stainforth Biscoe, Bank street  
 Steedman Rev. Charles McKenzie M.A.  
 [curate of St. Michael's], High street  
 Stewart Mrs. Belmont, The Spa  
 Stratton Alfred, Cray Croft  
 Stratton George, Giffords  
 Stratton Mrs. Lease cottage  
 Sturge Mrs. The Lawn  
 Sweet William Edward, Spa road  
 Tayler Herbert William, The Island  
 Tayler John, The Island  
 Taylor Mrs. Forest  
 Taylor Mrs. King street  
 Usher James, Spero lodge  
 Wall John T. Avon villa  
 Warre Rev. Canon Francis M.A. [vicar],  
 The Vicarage  
 Watson Mrs. King street  
 Webb Rev. Geo. Alex. [Baptist], Bank st  
 Webb Mrs. Market place  
 Wilkinson Mrs. Clare  
 Wiltshire Alfred, Bank street

Colbourne Nelson & Son, plasterers &c. Lowbourn  
 Colbourne Job, contractor, Broughton road  
 Collett Albert Henry, farmer, Holbrook farm  
 Collett Edward, farmer, Bower hill  
 Collett Elizabeth (Mrs.), Bell inn, & brewer, Bath road  
 Collett Harriett (Mrs.), farmer, Beanacre farm  
 Collett Henry, boot maker, City  
 Collett Joseph, auctioneer &c. Bower hill  
 Collett William James, butcher, Bath buildings  
 Compton James, solicitor (firm, Beaven & Compton)  
 Coombe Mary (Mrs.) & Son, grocers &c. Market place  
 Coombe Albert, ginger beer maker &c. The Ark  
 Coombe Henry, jobbing gardener, Union street  
 Co-operative Stores (Fredk. Hillman, manager), Church st  
 Cottle Charles Richard, farmer, Woodrow  
 Cottle William James, house agent, Canhold  
 Cottle William Newman, farmer, Conigree farm  
 County Court (Alex. Gough Smith, registrar), Market pl  
 Creighton Sidney, farmer, Snarlton  
 Crew Mary (Mrs.), greengrocer, City  
 Crook Charles, contractor, Shurnold  
**CROOK ELLEN MARIA (MISS)**, dress maker, New  
 Broughton road  
 Crook William, farmer, Beanacre  
 Dancey Thomas, farmer, Beanacre  
 Dark Stephen & Son, plasterers &c. King street  
 Davies Color-Sergt. William, drill instructor, Church st  
 Davis George & Son, builders, contractors & masons; tombs  
 & headstones to order; glazed pipes, fire bricks & cement  
 always in stock, Canhold  
 Davis Maria (Miss), dress maker, Ivy cottage  
 Deverall Frederick Thomas, plasterer &c. Devizes road  
 Deverall George, carpenter &c. Bower hill  
 Dewey & Son, bakers, Union street  
 Dixon Robert Henry, boot & shoe maker, High street  
 Eagles George Whitton, ironmonger &c. High street  
 Escott James, poulterer &c. Bower hill  
 Escott Mary (Mrs.), poulterer, Snarlton  
 Evans Chas. Geo. Edwd. Bear hotel & posting house, Bank st  
 Fennell Hugh, farmer & woodman, Sandridge; postal ad-  
 dress, Chippenham

Fennell Albert, baker & grocer, Sandridge  
 Ferris Charles, plasterer, Forest  
 Fire Engine Station (Joseph Jones, captain), Market house, Lowbourn  
 Flocks Edwd. Gane, drapr. & dlr. in wines & spirits, High st  
 Flocks Richard Gane, baker, see Watson & Flocks  
 Flower Benjamin, poulterer &c. Woodrow  
 Francis John, jobbing gardener, King street  
 Fry John, farmer, Queenfield  
 Gale John, poulterer, Bath buildings  
 Gas & Coke Co. (William Budd, manager), Bank street  
 Gerrish Albert, grocer, tea dealer & gasfitter, King street  
 Gerrish James, boot maker, King street  
 Gerrish Joseph, The Grapes P.H. & corn dealer, Bank street  
 Gowen Frank, draper &c. High street  
 Gray George, deputy registrar of marriages, High street  
 Gray George Edward, watch & clock maker, High street  
 Greenhill Frank Usher, collector of poor rates & collector to the guardians, Lowbourn  
 Gregory John, farmer, Sandridge  
 Grist Thomas Edward, manager of coffee tavern, Bath road  
 Grose Samuel M.D., F.R.C.S. Eng. surgeon, Westbourn  
 Gunning Joseph, fruiterer, Church street  
 Gunstone Jacob, mason, King street  
 Harris Thomas, butcher, Church street  
 Harrold Aaron, baker & grocer, Bath road  
**HARROLD CHARLES**, baker, grocer & meal & coal merchant, Forest  
 Haskell William, market gardener, Lowbourn  
 Hawkins Richard, farmer, Bower hill  
 Hayter John, tailor & woollen draper, High street  
 Hinder Cornelius Mead & Son, auctionrs. & estate agts. Spa rd  
 Hinder Mary (Miss), preparatory school, Spa road  
 Holloway William, farmer, Forest  
 Hughes Henry (Mrs.), market gardener, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham  
 Hunt William, farmer, Outmarsh; postal address, Semington, Trowbridge  
 Hurn Walter & Albert, carpenters &c. The Ark  
 Hutton Thomas & Sons, cheesemongers & pig dealers, High street  
 Hutton John, butcher, Market house  
 Hutton Thomas, farmer, Woodrow, Forest  
 Jarvis John, shopkeeper, King street  
 Jones Joseph & Son, smiths & wheelwrights, Lowbourn  
 Jones Isabella (Mrs.), lodging house, Bank street  
 Jones James, grocer &c. Forest  
 Jordan George, shopkeeper, Bath road  
 Jordan John (Mrs.), smith & farrier, Broughton road  
 Keen George, shopkeeper, Old Broughton road  
 Keen James Smith, general dealer & beer retailer, City  
 Keevil Edward, farmer, Forest  
 Keir William Ingram L.R.C.P. Edin. surgeon, & medical officer of health to the urban & rural sanitary authorities & medical officer Nos. 4 & 5 districts, & public vaccinator Melksham district, & certifying factory surg. The Limes  
 Kelson Thomas Alfred, beer retailer & grocer, Church st  
 Knee Albert John, sign painter, Canhold  
 Knee Charles, boot & shoe maker, Church street  
 Knee Charles, grocer, Old Broughton road  
 Knee James, temperance hotel, King street  
 Knee William Charles, watch maker, Church street  
 Laine Robert, chemist &c. Market place  
 Lakeman Stephen, chemist & druggist, Bank street  
 Larcombe James, King's Arms hotel  
 Lee Edwin John, grocer &c. Bank street  
 Lewington Joshua, coal merchant & carman, King street  
 Lewington William, tailor, High street  
 Lewington William, jun. dairyman, High street  
 Little James, boot maker, Church street  
 Locke Edward, boot maker, King street  
 Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, solicitor, clerk to magistrates & commissioner to administer oaths, High street  
**MACKENZIE DAVID** C.E. architect, district surveyor & inspector of nuisances, Bank street  
 Maggs Charles, hempen & cocoa nut fibre works, Spa road  
 Maggs Joseph Herbert, postmaster, stationer & printer, Bank st  
 Martin James, coal merchant, Melksham station  
 Matthews Alfred, station master Gt. Western railway. Canon sq  
 Mattingly George & Frederick, saddlers, Market place  
 Melksham Agricultural Society (Bernard Hinder, sec. & collector)  
 Melksham Cottage Hospital (F. J. F. Moule, treasurer; Col. Edward Cattell, hon. sec.; Mrs. Sarah Taylor, matron), Lowbourn  
 Melksham Dairy Co. (Chas. Maggs, propr.), New Broughton rd  
 Melksham & District Conservative Club (Ernest D. B. Locke, hon. sec.), Market place  
 Melksham Working Men's Club (Albt. Gerrish, man.), King st  
 Merrett George, cattle dealer, Lowbourn place  
 Milford Andrew, farm bailiff to R. L. Lopes esq. D.L., J.P. Manor farm, Sandridge

Millard Albert, inspector of police & coroner's officer, Police station, Market place  
 Missen James, general dealer, Beanacre  
 Mottram Mary (Miss), ladies' school, Market place  
 Moule Charles George, actuary of the savings bank & clerk to the local board, the highway board & to the land tax commissioners & sub-distributor of stamps, Lowbourn  
 Moule Frederick John Falkner, manager Capital & Counties Bank, treasurer to the rural sanitary authority & to the union & local board  
 Mutual Improvement Society (William Henry House, sec.), Reading rooms, Bank street  
 New Hall, Market place;  
 Newman Jacob Redman, beer retailer, Woodrow  
 Newman James, butcher, Bank street  
 Newman Thomas, deputy supt. registrar, Coburg place  
 Newman William, farmer, Crays marsh  
 Newton Agnes Groves (Mrs.), preparatory school, Lowbourn  
 Newton Emily (Miss), teacher of piano, Lowbourn  
 Nichols & Haynes, grocers, High street  
 Oatley Jane (Miss), dress maker, King street  
 Oatley John, smith & farrier, King street  
 Orum Ann (Miss), dress maker, Union street  
 Paisey Julia (Miss), dress maker, Chapel court  
 Park Edward, butcher, City  
 Parker John, manager of Wilts & Dorset Bank, Market pl  
 Parry Herbert, saddler & harness maker, Church street  
 Pearman Robert Horne, photographic artist, Bank street; & at Chippenham  
 Perrett William, greengrocer & pork butcher, High street  
 Pocock Joshua, farmer, Beanacre  
 Pocock Samuel Johnson, farmer, Westlands  
 Ponting William, shopkeeper, Bath road  
 Pulling George, hair dresser, Bath buildings  
 Redman Frederick, farmer, Shurnhold  
 Reeves Frank, plumber, painter &c. Bank street  
 Richards Charles, farmer, Bower hill  
 Richards Frederick, haulier, Lowbourn bridge  
 Richards Walter, carpenter, Blackmore  
 Richards William, farmer, Bower hill  
 Ricketts Charles, baker & grocer, City  
 Rose William, farmer, Bower hill  
 Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., B.S. surgeon & medical officer to the union (No. 3 district), Lowbourn house  
 Salter Alfred, butcher, King street  
 Salter Joseph William, collector to local board, assistant overseer & deputy registrar of births & deaths to Trowbridge sub-district, Bank street  
 Savings Bank (Charles George Moule, actuary), Lowbourn  
 Sawtell & Sons, wholesale feather purifiers, Old Broughton rd  
 Sawyer William, farmer, Halfway  
 Scott Edward, milliner & general draper, ladies' under-clothing, wools, yarns &c. Bank street  
**SCOTT TOM**, painter, glazier, house decorator & paper-hanger; estimates given, Union street  
 Self Frederick, farmer, Forest farm  
 Self George, farmer, Blackmore  
 Selman William Robert, tailor, Lowbourn  
 Sheate James, farmer, Forest farm  
 Simmonds Frederick Allen, beer retailer, Beanacre  
 Smith Alexander Gough, solicitor, registrar of county court & acting high bailiff, commissioner for oaths & perpetual commissioner & agent to Imperial Fire office, Guardian Fire & Life Assurance Co. & Norwich & London Accident Association, Gower villa, Place road  
 Smith Amelia (Mrs.), broker &c. Bath road  
 Smith Frederick, draper & hatter, & registrar of marriages for Melksham district, Bank street  
 Smith Jesse, boot maker, Bath road  
 Smith Thomas, chimney sweeper, King street  
 Spencer & Co. engineers & millwrights, manufacturers of steam engines, patent grain & warehousing machinery, hydraulic & other lifts & general machinery, Melksham foundry  
 Spencer Frederick, tailor, Union street  
 Staples William George, farmer, Queenfield  
 Stepney William Henry, boys' school, Watson's yard  
 Stokes Charles, carpenter, Canhold  
 Stokes Edward & James, builders &c. King street  
 Stokes Singer, relieving officer No. 2 district, registrar of births & deaths, Melksham sub-district, attendance & inquiry officer to the rural school attendance committee, & parish clerk, Canhold  
 Stokes Mary Jane (Mrs.), furniture warehouse, Lowbourn  
 Stratton Jas. & Sons, wholesale tea dealers, grocers &c. High st  
 Sturge Emma (Mrs.), ladies' school, The Lawn  
 Summers James, cattle dealer, Chalymead  
 Sumner Harriet (Mrs.), boot & shoe maker, Bath buildings  
 Sumption Louisa (Mrs.), brewer, & Unicorn inn  
 Tayler John, steam & water miller on the Roller system, corn merchant &c. Town mills  
 Tayler William, farmer, Townsend farm

Taylor & Cray, coach builders, Devizes road  
 Taylor Sarah E. (Mrs.), agent to West of England Sack  
 Hiring Co. Limited, Bank street  
 Temperance Hotel (James Knee, proprietor), King street  
 Tilke Theodore William, engineer & iron founder, High st  
 Town Hall & Cheese Market (Charles George Moule, sec.),  
 Market place  
 Townsend George, mason &c. Bath road  
 Tradesman's Society, Crown inn (Wm. Barton, sec.), Market pl  
 Tucker John, carrier, Shurnhold  
 Usher James, timber merchant, Devizes road  
 Waight Annie (Miss), news vendor &c. Lowbourn  
 Waight Edwin, shopkeeper & house decorator, King street  
 Wall Jas. C. Great Western railway goods agent, Railway statn  
 Warren Elizabeth (Mrs.) & Burbidge Emma (Miss), dress  
 makers, Union street  
 Watson & Flocks, bakers & mealmen, Market place  
 Watson James, farmer, Blackmore  
 Watson James, dairyman, Forest  
 Watts (Louisa (Mrs.)), boot & shoe warehouse, Bank street  
 Webb Amos, stone mason, builder & grocer, Beanacre  
 Webb John, farmer & dairyman, West End farm  
 Webb Thomas, farmer, Forest  
 West of England Sack Hiring Co. Limited (Mrs. Sarah E.  
 Taylor, agent), Bank street

**MERE** is a union town and parish situated on the borders of three counties—Wilts, Dorset and Somerset—which meet in the vicinity, and is on the road from Salisbury to Taunton Dean, 23 miles west-by-north from Salisbury, 102 from London, 7 west from Hindon, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton, 4 north from Gillingham station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the South Western railway, in the Southern division of the county, Mere hundred, Hindon petty sessional division, county court district of Shaftesbury, Wylde rural deanery Heytesbury portion, Salisbury archdeaconry and diocese. The town is lighted with gas from works erected in 1866. The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a stone building, consisting of chancel with chapel, nave of five bays, aisles and north and south porches, over each of which is a parvise, and western tower with clock and chimes: the chancel is separated from the nave by a beautifully carved oak screen: in a Gothic niche over the north porch is the figure of a saint: the tower is square, very stately, well built and turreted: it is 35 yards high, surmounted at the angles by four lofty pinnacles and contains 6 musical bells: the chantry chapels are the oldest part, which is of the 14th century; one is used as the vestry and the other for daily prayer; in the south chapel is a very ancient brass in memory of John Betteshorne, who died 1398: there are traces of Early English work (about the year 1220) in the buttresses at the east end and in the corbels which formerly came under the eaves, and are to be seen in the south chancel wall: the present chancel and the north and south chapels were built in the 14th century with some portions of the church, but there was apparently a great remodelling of the church when the tower was built about the middle of the 15th century: there are 600 sittings: in 1883 the churchyard was levelled and planted with shrubs and flowers. The registers are in a good state of preservation, and date from 1572, and the churchwardens' books, still preserved, date from 1556. The living is a vicarage, gross yearly value £330, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1881 by the Rev. Edwin George Wyld B.A. of Exeter College, Oxford, surrogate. The mission church of St. Matthew, about 1½ miles south of the town, and on the Shaftesbury road, opened in 1882, is an edifice of stone and brick, and consists of chancel, apse, nave and north porch, with central bell turret containing one bell, and will seat 150 persons: the cost of erection was about £1,000, raised by voluntary subscriptions, the site being the gift of Miss Grove; it is served by the clergy of St. Michael the Archangel. Here is a Congregational chapel, a large Gothic structure, erected at a cost of over £5,000, at the sole expense of Charles Jupe esq. built of local Bath and Ham Hill stone; also a Primitive Methodist chapel and one for the Plymouth Brethren. The Society of Friends have a meeting house here. The Cemetery, situated on the south side of the town, consisting of about two acres, was opened in 1856: during the excavations necessary in its formation an earthen vessel was discovered containing 400 Roman coins of very ancient date: two mortuary chapels have been erected; it is under the control of a burial board of 9 members. The charities amount to £158 yearly: Gillingham Forest charity, arising from inclosure of land at Gillingham Forest, produces £100 yearly, and is distributed in shares: the allotment charity derived from land in Gillingham parish yields £20 annually, and is distributed to the poor. John Phillips left by his will the sum of £800, the interest of which after paying for the repairs of tomb, and partly for support of Sunday school, is distributed by the churchwardens; there are a few minor charities. The market

**WHITE HENRY JOHN**, outfitter, draper, millinery & mantle  
 warehouseman, tailor, hatter, hosier, hairdresser &c.  
 juvenile outfits, High street & Market place  
 Wicks Florence (Mrs.), dress maker, Snarlton  
 Wicks Henry, general dealer, The Common  
 Wicks John, farmer, Snarlton  
 Wilcox Annie Gould (Miss), coal merchant, Union street  
 Willis James, cowkeeper, Bath road  
 Willis John, George inn, Bank street  
 Wilts & Dorset Banking Co. Limited (branch) (John Parker,  
 manager), Market place; draw on London & Westminster  
 Bank Limited, London  
 Wilts Friendly Society (Thos. E. Grist, steward), Canhold  
 Wilts Rifle Volunteers (Duke of Edinburgh's Regiment) (2nd  
 Vol. Batt.), H Company (C. F. Rumboll, captain; Color-  
 Sergeant W. Davies, drill instructor; 2nd lieutenant, H.  
 W. Tayer); drill hall, Church street  
 Wiltshire Ald. farmr. Sandridge [postal address, Chippenham]  
 Wiltshire George, farmer, Hack farm  
 Winslow John, grocer, Bank street  
 Winslow Martha (Mrs.), farmer, Berryfield  
 Winslow William, beer retailer, King street  
 Withey Albert Edward, Crown inn, Market place  
 Wootten James, farmer, Sandridge  
 Young John, ironmonger &c. High street

formerly held on Tuesday has now become extinct, but annual fairs are still held on the 17th of May and the 10th of October. In the Market place was formerly a market house of great antiquity, which being in a dilapidated state it was found necessary to take it down, and on the site H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, erected in 1866 a clock tower with illuminated dials. Silk throwing is carried on here, employing about 300 hands. The Church Institute, situated in the Market place, was established in the year 1885, and is under the management of the vicar as president and a committee of six members; in connection therewith is a Temperance Hotel, having reading, bagatelle and assembly rooms, together with a library. In 1859 a penny bank was established. To the south of the town there is an ancient Manor House, now used as a farm house, and called Woodlands, in which is an ancient chapel. Mere constitutes a part of the Duchy of Cornwall: in the year 1253 permission was given to Richard, Earl of Cornwall, to build a castle on the hill, now known as Castle Hill, and afterwards to fortify it, of which some traces were found during excavations in 1887. The principal landowners are H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who is lord of the manor, Miss Grove, the trustees of the late Meyrick Bankes esq. and Sir Henry A. Hoare bart. The soil is various, clay, chalk and flint; subsoil, chalk and gravel. The chief crops are wheat, beans and oats to the north; and on the south of the town (which is principally clay) fine grazing land. The Ashfield water rises from a chalk hill in the neighbourhood, and after turning several mills joins the river Stour. The parish contains 7,310 acres; rateable value, £11,332; The population in 1881 was 2,371, exclusive of the tithings, and in the whole parish, 2,931.

Sexton, Arthur Norris.

**CHADDENWICKE** is a tithing, 1½ miles north-east; **WOODLANDS**, a tithing, 1 mile south; Bush Hayes, 1½ south-east; Manor House, Barrow Street, 1 south-east, and Burton, half a mile east, are adjacent places.

Post, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Insurance & Annuity Office.—John Walton, postmaster. Letters via Bath are delivered at 7 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; dispatched at 11.25 a.m. & 7.25 p.m.; Sunday at 7.25 p.m.

**Zeals** is a tithing of Mere, 1½ miles west, and was formed in 1848 into an ecclesiastical parish. The church of St. Martin is a Gothic stone building, erected in 1846: it has chancel, nave with south entrance porch and a western tower surmounted by a fine steeple: the chancel is paved with encaustic tiles: on the north of the chancel is an organ-chamber, built in 1874, containing an organ erected in memory of the late William Chafyn Grove: there are three stained windows to his memory, which were erected by his tenants: the church is seated with open benches, and will hold 280 persons. The register dates from the year 1846. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £300, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Mere, and held since 1871 by the Rev. Leonard Ramsay Henslow M.A. of St. John's College, Cambridge. Here are four almshouses, erected and endowed by the late William Chafyn Grove esq. in memory of his mother. There is a Congregational chapel and a British school carried on therewith; and a chapel for Primitive Methodists. Zeals House is the seat of Miss Grove, the owner of the manor and principal part of the land: the mansion, about 1 mile west from Mere, is of stone and pleasantly situated in a well-timbered park of about 40 acres. The soil is clay and chalk; subsoil, clay. The chief crops are wheat and oats and pasture land. The area is 1,540 acres; the population in 1881 was 560.