

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,

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

Local Institutions, &c.

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. Talyer); drill hall, Church street
 Wiltshire Alfd. 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.

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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.