

presented by Miss Bell. There is a Wesleyan chapel. Miss Bell, of the Manor House, is lady of the manor, and Miss Bell, John Ashfordby-Trenchard esq. and Canon Wanford are the principal landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk. The crops are chiefly grass. The area is 1,740 acres; rateable value, £6,175; the population in 1891 was 371.

Rowborough, a Roman settlement, is half a mile south-east.

Bell Miss, Manor house  
 Choules Percy, Dryden house  
 Macdonald Rev. Angus (vicar)  
 COMMERCIAL.  
 Banwell Edwin, farmer, Huntscope  
 Beasley John, beer retailer  
 Bridges William, market gardener  
 Champion James Daunton, farmer,  
 Priory farm

Collins Manassa, farmer, Church frm  
 Davis Samuel, farmer  
 Gilling Joseph, farmer  
 Head Ephraim, shoe maker  
 Lewis Daniel, grocer  
 Love Henry, farmer  
 Maisey Alexander, farmer  
 Odey Charles, farmer  
 Parsons Hy. frm. Burton Grove frm

Letters from Swindon arrive at 10.30 a.m. Stratton St. Margaret is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Wall Letter Box cleared at 7.15 p.m.; sun. at 7.45 a.m.  
 National School (mixed), with residence for mistress, erected in 1873, at the cost of A. Bell esq. for 80 children; average attendance, 61; & supported partly by Miss Bell & private subscription; mistress, Miss M. Vidler

Ramsey Albt. A. frm. Rowboro' fm  
 Sharps Frank, farmer  
 Sharps William Henry, farmer  
 Sherwill John, farmer, Manor farm  
 Snook Albt. assist. overseer & farmer  
 Taylor Samuel, farmer  
 Titcomb Thos. Carriers' Arms P.H  
 Westell John, dairyman  
 Wiseman Robert, farmer

**MARTIN** is a parish on the borders of Hampshire and Dorsetshire, 5 miles north-west from Fordingbridge station on the Salisbury and Dorchester section of the London and South Western railway, 4 north-east from Cranborne (Dorset) and 9½ south-west-by-south from Salisbury, in the Southern division of the county, South Damerham hundred, Salisbury and Amesbury petty sessional division, Fordingbridge union, county court district of Salisbury, rural deanery of Chalk (Chalk portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The church of All Saints is an ancient structure of stone, rubble and brick, in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, transepts and north aisle under separate roof, its length intersecting the transept on that side, and square western tower surmounted by heavy octagonal spire, containing 3 bells: it was repaired and internally restored in 1857 and re-seated with open benches and has 223 sittings. The register dates from the year 1590. The living is a vicarage, average tithe rent-charge £60, gross yearly value £302, net £276, including 3 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of South Damerham, and held since 1883 by the Rev. Eardley Wilmot Michell, jun. M.A. of Corpus Christi college, Cambridge. Here are Congregational and Primitive Methodist chapels. There is a charity here bequeathed by William Talk, of Salisbury, between the years 1790 and 1800, of 8s. per week and 59 faggots and

Cull Mrs  
 Michell Rev. Eardley Wilmot, jun.  
 M.A. Vicarage  
 COMMERCIAL.  
 White Josiah  
 Bennett William Henry, farmer, East  
 Martin farm  
 Besant Charles, farm bailiff to E.  
 Cootes esq  
 Bishop Geo. carpenter & wheelwright

Blandford Ambrose, farmer, Tidpit  
 Bright Joseph, farmer  
 Curtis Walter, farmer  
 Dibben Thomas, grocer  
 Flemington George, general dealer  
 Ford George, farmer  
 Ford George, jun. butcher  
 Hibbard Isaac, farmer  
 Hiscock Thos. bailiff to Col. Bentinck  
 Martin Malachi, landowner & farmer  
 Poore Geo. thrashing machine owner

ros. for clothing at Christmas, to 6 poor and deserving persons in the parish, derived from invested funds; treasurer, George Waters. The principal landowners are Eyre Coote esq. J.P. West Park, Rockburne, who is lord of the manor; the Rev. Edward Peacock M.A. of Rockfield House, Nunney, near Frome, and Col. Bentinck. The soil is chalk and gravel; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley. The area is 4,566 acres; rateable value, £2,800; the population in 1891 was 413.

Toyd Farm, and Allenford, formerly extra-parochial, now form a parish near this place, in the union of Fordingbridge; the area is 647 acres; rateable value, £300; the population in 1891 was 16.

Tidpit is a hamlet a quarter of a mile south.

Parish Clerk, Frederick Frampton.  
 Post & M. O. O. & S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.—John Titt, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Salisbury at 8.30 a.m.; dispatched at 4 p.m.; Sunday, 9.55 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 & Charles Flemington, Tues. & Sat

Scammell Ellen (Mrs.), grocer & baker  
 Shering Mark, smith  
 Street William, farmer & landowner  
 Thompson Fred & Son, farmers  
 Thompson James, farmer  
 Thompson Jane (Mrs.), Cootes  
 Arms P.H  
 Titt Jn. boot manufr. & post office  
 Troke Richard J. farmer  
 White John, farmer  
 Witt John, blacksmith

MELKSHAM.

MELKSHAM is a market and union and county court town, and head of a 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 on the main road from London through Devizes to Bath, and consists principally of one street nearly a mile in length; it has been governed by a Local Board from 1878, until the "Local Government Act, 1894," established the present Urban District Council, and it is well paved and lighted with gas by a company, and well supplied with water by the Trowbridge Water Company: the houses are built of soft freestone, but irregularly placed. 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 freestone, 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: in 1891 the church was re-seated with oak seats, a new floor was put in, the roof was opened, and a handsome carved oak screen and brass lectern were given by C. F. Rumboll esq. M.D.: in 1894 the reredos was restored at considerable cost by the trustees of the late Sir John Awdry: 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 £1010, average £682, net income £191, with 3 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Salisbury, and held since 1890 by the Rev. Edwin

George Wyld B.A. of Exeter College, Oxford, and surrogate.

There is a handsome chapel (St. Andrew's) 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 freestone, 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. Limited.

A Cottage Hospital was established here in 1868, containing 7 beds.

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. of Sandridge Park, and the trustees of the late W. P. Bruges esq.

The area of the civil parish is 8,303 acres; rateable value £24,350; the population in the town in 1891 was 2,073, of the civil parish, 4,284, and of the ecclesiastical, 3,638.

The parish was originally divided into 7 tithings, Shaw and Whalley, Beanacre, Blachmere, Woolmere, Canhold, Woodrow, and the town tithing.

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 was added in 1890.

#### OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

Post. M. O. & T. O., S. B., Express Delivery & Annuity & Insurance Office, Bank street.—Alfred William Jolliffe, postmaster

Dispatch of Letters.—Day Mail—London, Bath, Bristol, North of England, North Wales, Ireland & Scotland, 9.20 & 11.10 a.m.; North of England, 2.25 p.m.; local, 5.15 p.m.; South Wales, 6 p.m.; London & all parts of the United Kingdom, 9.15 p.m.

Delivery of Letters.—London & all parts 7 a.m.; North of England, South-west of England, Scotland & Wales 9.30 a.m.; London (day mail) 12.30 p.m.; all parts of the United Kingdom 6.10 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 Letter 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

Awdry Charles esq. Shaw Hill ho. Shaw, Melksham

Bell William H. esq. F.G.S. Seend, Melksham

Chaloner Capt. Richard Godolphin Walmesley, Melksham house, Melksham

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

Locke Wadham esq. Cleeve house, Seend, Melksham

Ludlow-Bruges Hy. Hungerford esq. M.A. Seend ho. Melksham

Maggs Charles esq. Bower Hill house, Melksham

Stancomb John Fredk. esq. M.A. Shaw ho. Melksham

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

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

The following places are included in the petty sessional division:—Melksham Within & Melksham Without, Shaw & Whitley, also Seend, Semington (with Littleton) & Whaddon

Urban District Council.

Meetings held at the Council office, Spa road, the third friday in every month at 10.30 a.m.

Clerk, Alexander Gough Smith, Spa road

Treasurer, F. J. Falkner Moule, Capital & Counties Bank

Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P.

Edin. The Limes

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Edwin Gunstone, High st

Collector, Joseph William Salter, Bath road

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

Public Establishments.

County Court, His Honor Camille Felix Desiré Caillard, judge; Alexander Gough Smith, registrar & acting high bailiff; William James Barton, Lowbourne, 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

For Bankruptcy purposes this court is included in that of Bath, Edward Gustavus Clarke, Bank chambers, Corn street, Bristol, official receiver

Certified Bailiffs under the "Law of Distress Amendment Act," William James Barton, Lowbourne & Joseph Collett, Bower hill

Cottage Hospital, Samuel Grose M.D.; William Ingram Keir F.R.C.S. Edin.; Charles Frederic Rumboll M.D., B.S. hon. medical officers; Charles Maggs, hon. sec

New hall, Market place, William Harris, caretaker  
Town Hall & Cheese Market, Charles George Moule, sec. Market place

Volunteer Fire Brigade, Market yard, keys kept at police station & at Joseph Jones's, Lowbourne; Joseph Jones, Lowbourne, captain

Volunteers.

2nd Volunteer Battalion Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (H Company), head quarters, Drill hall, Church street, Capt. Charles Frederic Rumboll, commandant; H. W. Taylor, lieut.; Color-Sergt. Fredk. James Cole, drill instructor

Melksham Union.

Board day, every other monday at 11 a.m. at the union.

The Melksham Union comprises the following places, viz.:—Hilperton, Melksham, Seend, Semington, Staver-ton & Trowbridge. The area of the union is 16,360 acres; rateable value in 1895, £82,099; population in 1891 was 18,565

Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, Wm. John Mann, Trowbridge

Treasurer, William Lucke, Capital & Counties Bank, Trowbridge

Relieving Officers, No. 1 district, S. W. Homan, Trowbridge; No. 2 district, J. E. Heathcote, Town hall, Melksham

Collectors to the Guardians, Melksham district, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street, 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.R.C.P. Irel. Trowbridge; No. 3 district, Charles Frederic Rumboll M.D., B.S. Lowbourne house, Melksham; No. 4 & 5 districts, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. Melksham

Public Vaccinators, Melksham district, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P.Edin. Melksham; Trowbridge district, George Christopher Tayler M.D. Trowbridge  
 Superintendent Registrar, William John Mann, Trowbridge; deputy, E. Burchell Rodway, Trowbridge  
 Registrars of Births & Deaths, Melksham sub-district, J. E. Heathcote, Town hall, Melksham; deputy, Joseph W. Salter, Bath road, Melksham; Trowbridge sub-district, Thomas S. Hill, 2 Westbourne road, Trowbridge; deputy, Miss Alice Hill, Westbourne rd. Trowbridge  
 Registrars of Marriages, Frederick Smith, Bank street, Melksham; deputy, Frank Usher Greenhill, King st. Melksham; John Merrett, 14 Hill street, Trowbridge; deputy, J. H. Brown, West street, Trowbridge  
 Workhouse, Semington, a building of stone, erected in 1835, to hold 350 inmates, Rev. Stephen Murray Chapman M.A. chaplain; George Mayris Sylvester, medical officer; George Childe, master; Miss Mary Childe, matron; Miss Mary A. Mould, schoolmistress  
 School Attendance Committee.  
 Meets at the Relief office, Trowbridge & at the Town hall, Melksham, monthly.  
 Clerk, W. J. Mann, Trowbridge  
 Attendance Officers, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street, Melksham & R. W. Homan, Trowbridge

Rural District Council.

Meets at the Board room, Semington, every fourth monday at 12.30 p.m.  
 Clerk, William John Mann, Trowbridge  
 Treasurer, William Lucke, Capital & Counties Bank, Trowbridge  
 Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. Melksham  
 Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street  
 District Surveyor, J. E. Wilshire, Semington

Public Officers.

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

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Allwood Gideon, Market place  
 Andrews Richard, Avon villa  
 Baily Misses, Thornbank  
 Barnes Miss, The School House, Union street  
 Barnes Mrs. Bath road  
 Bartlett Mrs. Coburg place  
 Barton Rev. William Dawson (Wesleyan), Lowbourne  
 Barton Miss, Coburg place  
 Beard Rev. John Arthur, King street  
 Blake Lewis Henry, Bath road  
 Bliss John, King street  
 Boulter Thomas, Union street  
 Breach James, Bowden view  
 Buckland Mrs. King street  
 Bulgin Mrs. Rose villa  
 Burges Misses, St. Andrew's villa, Lowbourne  
 Burton Alfred, King street  
 Carpenter William, Canon square  
 Chaloner Major Richard Godolphin Walmesley J.P. Melksham house  
 Chilcott Mrs. Bath road  
 Clarke Henry, Canon square  
 Colbourne Mrs. Lowbourne  
 Colbourne Miss, Union street  
 Collett Joseph, Bower hill  
 Compton Mrs. The Spa  
 Coombe Albert, Forest vil. Lowbourne  
 Coombe Henry John, Union street  
 Courtis Miss, Coburg place

Crisp James, Lowbourne  
 Crook Misses, Rose cottage, Bower hill  
 Dixon Robert Henry, Mulberry cottage, Church street  
 Dodson William Rippon, St. Andrew's villa, Lowbourne  
 Earl Mrs. King street  
 Flocks Edward Gane, Linden house, Bank street  
 Flower Mrs. Coburg place  
 Foxwell Mrs. King street  
 Fry Mrs. Coburg place  
 George Thomas, Lowbourne place  
 Gerrish Mrs. Bath road  
 Glass Mrs. Bank street  
 Godwin Miss, The School ho. Union st  
 Green Mrs. Union street  
 Green Walter, Bowden view  
 Greenhill Frank Usher, King street  
 Grose Samuel M.D. Westbourne  
 Hall Fred, Bath road  
 Harris Miss, Market place  
 Haughton Rev. Alfred G. (Wesleyan), The Croft, Benacre road  
 Hawkes Rev. Philip (Wes.), King st  
 Hayter Charles, King street  
 Holborow Isaac, The Cabin, Market pl  
 House William Henry, Union street  
 Howard Rev. Stanley Heddon B.A. (curate of St. Michael's)  
 Hurn Albert, Bath road  
 Hurn Mrs. Bath road  
 Hurn Walter, Bath road  
 Hutton Geo. Alpine villa, Lowbourne

Hutchings Rev. George C., M.A. (curate of St. Michael's), Gower vil. Place rd  
 Hutton Miss, King street  
 Hutton Mrs. Woodrow, Forest  
 Jolliffe Alfred William, Bank 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 Frdk. Hy. Fern cot. Lowbourne  
 Laine Robert, Church walk  
 Lee John, Spa road  
 Lewington Job, Drinkwater house  
 Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, Beanacre  
 Lopes Ralph Ludlow M.A., D.L., J.P. Sandridge park  
 Lowther Edwd. James, Shurnhold ho  
 Maggs Charles J.P. Bowerhill lodge  
 Manning Arthur Herbert, High street  
 Manning Frederick Webb, Shurnhold  
 Manning Mrs. Shurnhold  
 Margetson Jas. Chas. Avon Bridge ho  
 Marley Duncan, Spero lodge, Spa road  
 Matravers Thomas, Coburg place  
 Matthews Alfred, Canon square  
 Merrett Mrs. Lowbourne place  
 Milward Alfred, Beechfield  
 Missen Justley Burchell, Beanacre  
 Moore Moses, Manoria villa  
 Moule Charles George, Lowbourne  
 Moule Fredk. John Falkner, Bank ho  
 Muglesworth John, King street  
 Newman Thomas, Coburg place

Places of Worship, with times of services.

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. Edwin Geo. Wyld B.A. vicar; Rev. George C. Hutchings M.A. curate; sundays, holy communion, 8 a.m.; morning prayer, 11 a.m.; evening, 6.30 p.m.; daily prayer, 10 a.m.; evensong (except wednesday), 6 p.m. & wed. 7 p.m.; holy days, holy communion 8 a.m.  
 St. Andrew's Church, Forest, served from St. Michael's church; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
 Friends' Meeting House, King street; registering officer, William Robert Selman, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
 Baptist, Broughton road, Rev. William Augustus Sidney Smith; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m.  
 Baptist, Beanacre; 6 p.m.  
 Baptist, Forest; 6 p.m.  
 Particular Baptist (Ebenezer), Union street; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
 Congregational, Market place, Rev. John Arthur Beard; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7 p.m.  
 Primitive Methodist, Forest; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7 p.m.  
 Wesleyan, Market place, Rev. Alfred G. Haughton & Rev. Philip Hawkes; Rev. William Dawson Barton, supernumerary; 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, 130; girls' & infants' 300; average attendance, 180; William Hy. House, master; Miss Harriet Godwin, mistress; Miss Margaret Baines, infants' mistress  
 Sandridge National (mixed), with residence for mistress, built in 1874, for 100 children; average attendance, 62; Miss Annie Love, mistress  
 British, Lowbourne (mixed & infants), built in 1829, for 330 children; average attendance, 222; Thomas George, master; Miss Annie E. Mellor, infants' mist

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 Coffee Tavern, Bath road, at 8 a.m. every wed. & sat. returning same days  
 Devizes.—John Tucker, from the Coffee tavern, Bath road, 9 a.m. on thurs. returning same day  
 London & all parts (by rail).—Great Western Railway Company, station, Bath road

Water Conveance.

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

Oatley Misses, King street	Rumboll Charles Frederic M.E. Low- bourne house	Sweet William Edward, Spa road
Overton Alfred, Rose cot. Lowbourne	Sawtell Charles, Avon house	Taylor Herbert William, Agra house, The Spa
Parker John, Market place	Sawtell Henry, The Chestnuts	Taylor John, The Island
Parker Robert John, Market place	Sawyer Mrs. Bath road	Taylor John, Spa road
Parnell Wm. Avondale ter. Kimber st	Saxty Charles, Cottingham villa	Tilke Theodore William, Claremont villa, Market place
Penney Norman, Beth-Sepher	Schomberg Mrs. Cottingham villa	Usher James, Spa road
Perry Mrs. King street	Selman Thomas Robert, Bath road	Vardon Miss, Lowbourne
Phelps Miss, Avonside	Shaul Mrs. Thornbank cottage	Wall John Tyler, Avon villa
Phené Miss, Avonside	Shepherd Miss, King street	Wallis William, Agra house, The Spa
Philip Wm. Littlejohn, Union street	Skinner Eli, Bath road	Webb Mrs. Market place
Phillips Miss, King street	Smith Alex. Gough, Thornleigh	White Henry John, High street
Pike John, Belmont, The Spa	Smith Rev. William Augustus Sidney (Baptist), Bath road	Whittle Frank, Union street
Platt Owen, Bath road	Smith Walter, Emlyn villa, Bank st	Wilkinson Miss, Church street
Pocock Mrs. Rock house, Bath road	Stewart Mrs. Belmont, The Spa	Witts Miss, Spa road
Pocock Mrs. Rose villa, Lowbourne	Stratton Alfred, Cray Croft	Woodman Mrs. King street
Pocock Miss, Union street	Stratton George, Giffords	Wyld Rev. Edwin George B.A. (vicar), The Vicarage
Pocock Mrs. Union street	Stratton Mrs. Leaze cottage	
Powell Frederick George, Canon house		
Pritchard Miss, Semington road		

## COMMERCIAL.

Abbott John, rope maker, Bank street	Davis George & Son, masons, Canhold
Adams Alfred, baker, City	Davis Maria (Miss), dress maker, Ivy cottage
Alford Elihu, pork butcher, Lowbourne	Deverall George, carpenter &c. Bower hill
Ames Robert, farmer, Forest	Dewey & Son, bakers, Union street
Andrews Florence (Miss), private school, Martigny ho. Bank street	Dixon Robert Henry, boot & shoe maker, High street
Angel Arthur, sexton, Church street	Dodson William Rippon, tailor, see Hayter & Dodson
Arney Thomas, tailor, Bank street	Dunn Harry Frank, plumber, Bank street
Arter Sidney, beer retailer, Semington road	Dyer Henry, ironmonger, High street
Arthur Charles, house decorator, Church street	Earle Joseph, carpenter, King street
Arthur Charles Perkins, painter &c. Market place	Edwards Christiana (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Beanacre
Avon India Rubber Co. Limited, The Factory	Escott James, poulterer &c. Bower hill
Awdry Justly William, solicitor &c. High street	Fawkes Arthur William, boot maker, Coburg square
Bailey Sydney, harness maker, Bank street	Fennell Albert, baker, grocer & farmer, Sandridge lane
Barton William, town crier & bill poster, Lowbourne	Ferris Charles, plasterer, Forest
Beaven & Compton, solicitors, Lowbourne	Finch Henry, basket maker, King street
Beszant George, builder, Bath road	Fire Engine Station (Josph. Jones, capt.), Market yard
Bigwood & Co. builder & contractor, undertaker & cabi- net maker; plans prepared & estimates given, Markt.pl	Flocks & Manning, drapers & dealers in wines & spirits, High street
Bigwood Lewin John, ironmonger & tinsplate manu- facturer, High street	Flocks Richard Gane, baker, see Watson & Flocks
Bolwell Edward, coal merchant, Semington road	Flower John, farmer &c. Holbrook farm
Bolwell James, confectioner, High street	Francis John, jobbing gardener, King street
Bowyer Albert Edward, boot maker, Bath road	Fry John, farmer, Queenfield
Box John, grocer, Bath road	Gale John, poulterer, High street
Brooke Edwin, farmer, Sandridge	Gas & Coke Co. (William Budd, manager), Bath road
Buckland Frederick, house agent &c. Union street	Gerrish Albert, grocer & gasfitter, King street
Budd William, manager of gas works, Bath road	Gerrish James, boot maker, King street
Burbidge George, commission agent, Glenavon	Gerrish Kate (Miss), dress maker, King street
Burgess Henry, baker & confectioner, High street	Gowen Frank, draper &c. High street
Bush James Edward, chemist, Market place	Gray George Edward, watch & clock maker, High street
Campbell John, boys' school, Semington road	Greenhill Frank Usher, collector of poor rates & collector to the guardians, sanitary inspector & surveyor to the rural district council, school attendance officer & deputy registrar of marriages, King street
Canning James, poulterer &c. Woodrow	Gregory Jn. frmr. Sandridge; postal add. Chippenham
Capital & Counties Bank Limited (Frederick John Falk- ner Moule, manager), Bank street; draw on head office, 39 Threadneedle street, London EC	Grist Thomas Edward, millwright, Bath road
Carpenter William, carpenter &c. Church street	Grose Samuel M.D., F.R.C.S. Eng. (R.N. retired), West- bourne
Cheap George, shopkeeper, Lowbourne	Gunstone Edwin, surveyor & sanitary inspector to the urban district council, High street
Chivers Alfred, beer retailer, & bicycle stores, King st	Hancock Emily (Mrs.), dress maker, Bath road
Chivers Henry, miller (water & steam), Challymead	Harding Mary (Miss), confectioner, Church street
Chivers Samuel, chimney sweeper, Church street	Harriss Thomas, butcher, Church street
Chivers William, greengrocer, Bath road	Harrold Aaron, baker & grocer, Bath road
Cleverly Henry John, watch & clock maker, High street	Harrold Charles, baker & grocer, Forest
Coffee Tavern, Bath road	Harrold John, market gardener, Church walk
Colbourne & Sons, plasterers &c. Lowbourne	Haskell William, market gardener, Lowbourne
Cole Color-Sergt. Frederick James, drill instructor, Spa rd	Hawkins Frederick, farm bailiff to Mr. James Summers, Queenfield
Collett Albert Henry, farmer, Beanacre farm	Hawkins Richard, farmer, Bower hill
Collett Charles, farmer, Beanacre	Hayes Walter John, outfitter, Bank street
Collett Edward, farmer, Bower hill	Hayter & Dodson, tailors & woollen drapers, High street
Collett Joseph, auctioneer &c. Bower hill	Hayward William, farmer, Forest
Collett William James, butcher, High street	Heathcote J. E. relieving officer No. 2 district, registrar of births & deaths, Melksham sub-district, Town hall
Compton James, solicitor (firm, Beaven & Compton)	Hedges Archibald, The Grapes P.H. Bank street
Cook William G. George inn, Bank street	Hillman William, insurance agent, King street
Coombe Albert, ginger beer maker &c. The Ark	Hiskins Edward, coal merchant, Spa road
Coombe Henry, jobbing gardener, Union street	Holloway William, farmer, Snarlton lane
Cooper Joseph, dairyman, King street	Hosier William, farmer, Snarlton lane
Co-operative Stores (Geo. Randall, manager), Church st	Hughes Henry (Mrs.), market gardener, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham
Cottle Charles Richard, farmer, Woodrow	Hunt William Henry, farmer, Outmarsh; postal address, Semington, Trowbridge
Cottle Frederick, farmer, Craysmarsh	Hurn Walter & Albert, timber merchants, The Ark; saw mills, Melksham station
Cottle William James, house agent, Church walk	Hutton Bros. John & George, butchers, High street, & farmers, Woodrow, Forest
Cottle William Newman, farmer, Conigree farm	Hutton Thomas, market gardener, Union street
County Court (Alex. Gough Smith, registrar), Spa rd	Jarvis Eliza (Mrs.), shopkeeper, King street
Creighton Sidney, farmer, Snarlton	Jolliffe Alfred William & Co. printers, stationers, book- sellers, fancy repository, lending library, advertising contractors, & bill posting, Winchester house, Bank st
Crew Mary (Mrs.), greengrocer, City	
Crook Charles & Sons, contractors, Shurnhold	
Crook Ellen Maria (Miss), dress ma. New Broughton rd	
Crook Joseph & Mark, contractors, New Broughton road	
Crook William, farmer, Beanacre	
Crook Worthy, shopkeeper, Beanacre	
Dancev Thomas, farmer, Beanacre	
Dark William, plasterer, King street	

- Jones Joseph & Son, smiths & wheelwrights, Spa road  
 Jolliffe Alfred William, postmaster & sub-distributor of stamps, Bank street  
 Jones James, grocer &c. Forest  
 Jordan Samuel, smith & farrier, 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 district councils, & medical officer Nos. 4 & 5 districts, & public vaccinator Melksham district, & certifying factory surgeon, The Limes  
 Kelson Thomas Alfred, beer retailer & grocer, Church st  
 King's Arms hotel, family & commercial hotel & posting house; James Larcombe, proprietor  
 Knee Ada (Mrs.), dress maker, Bank street  
 Knee Albert John, sign painter, Church walk  
 Knee Caroline (Mrs.), grocer, Old Broughton road  
 Knee William Charles, watch maker &c. Bank street  
 Lakeman Stephen, chemist & druggist, Bank street  
 Larcombe James, King's Arms family & commercial hotel & posting house  
 Lee Edwin John, grocer &c. Bank street  
 Legge George, fishmonger, High street  
 Lewington Joshua, coal merchant & carman, King street  
 Lewington William, tailor, High street  
 Lewington William, jun. dairyman, High street  
 Locke Edward & Son, boot maker, King street  
 Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, solicitor, clerk to magistrates & commissioner to administer oaths, Bank st  
 Maggs Charles, hempen & cocoa nut fibre works, Spa rd  
 Manning Arthur Herbert, draper, see Flocks & Manning  
 Maslen Jane (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Church street  
 Matthews Alfd. station mstr. Gt. Western rly. Canon sq  
 Mattingly George & Frederick, saddlers, Market place  
 Melksham Agricultural Society (Thos. Newman, hon.sec)  
 Melksham Cottage Hospital (F. J. F. Moule, treasurer; Charles Maggs, hon. sec.; Miss Elsi Vardon, matron), Lowbourne  
 Melksham Dairy Co. (Charles Maggs, proprietor), New Broughton road  
 Melksham Liberal Club (Wm. Sweet, hon. sec.), High st  
 Melksham Technical School (A. G. Smith, treas. & sec.), Market place  
 Melksham Working Men's Club (Henry Lewis, man.), King street  
 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  
 Mortimer Aaron, coal merchant, Chalymead  
 Moule Charles George, clerk to the highway board & to the income & land tax commissioners, Lowbourne  
 Moule Frederick John Falkner, manager Capital & Counties Bank, treasurer to the highway board & urban district council  
 Mutual Improvement Society (Wm. Taylor, hon. sec.), Reading rooms, Bank street  
 Nash Martha (Mrs.), ladies' outfitter, Church street  
 New Hall, Market place; William Harris, caretaker  
 Newman Elizabeth (Mrs.), beer retailer, Woodrow  
 Newman James, butcher, Bank street  
 Newman Thomas, insurance agent, Coburg place  
 Newton Agnes Groves (Mrs.), prep. school, Lowbourne  
 Newton Emily (Miss), teacher of piano, Lowbourne  
 North Robert Henry, Crown inn, Market place  
 Oatley Jane (Miss), dress maker, King street  
 Oatley William, smith & farmer, King street  
 Paisey Julia (Miss), dress maker, Chapel court  
 Parker John, man. of Wilts & Dorset Bank, Market place  
**Parker Robert John**, auctioneer, valuer & estate agent, architect & surveyor, Market place  
 Parry Herbert, saddler & harness maker, Church street  
 Perrett William, greengrocer & pork butcher, High st  
 Pocock Samuel Johnson, farmer, Westlands  
 Ponting William, shopkeeper, Bath road  
 Porter Sydney, photographer, Bank street  
 Pulling George, hair dresser, Church street  
 Raines Frederick Thomas, builder, West street  
 Reading Rooms (William Taylor, hon. sec.), Bank street  
 Redman Frederick, farmer, Shurnhold  
 Reeves John, china dealer, Bath road  
 Reeves Frank, plumber, painter &c. Bath road  
 Richards Charles, farmer, Bower hill  
 Richards Fred, iron dealer, Lowbourne bridge  
 Richards Walter, carpenter, Blackmore  
 Ritchens George, shopkeeper, King street  
 Rose William, farmer, Spa  
 Rowlett John Thomas, grocer & draper, Market place  
 Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S.Eng. surgeon & medical officer, No. 3 dist. Lowbourne house  
 Ruddle Clare James Gee, Bell inn, Bath road  
 St. Swithins' Home for Girls (Miss Margaret Morant, lady superintendent), Church walk  
 Salter Alfred, butcher, King street  
 Salter Alfred John Thomas, baker, Old Broughton road  
 Salter Joseph William, collector to the urban district council, assistant overseer & deputy registrar of births & deaths to Melksham sub-district, Bath road  
 Sawtell & Sons, who. feather purifiers, Old Broughton rd  
 Sawyer William, farmer, Halfway  
 Scott Edward, milliner & general draper, ladies' under-clothing, wools, yarns &c. Bath road  
 Scott Tom, painter, Union street  
 Self Frederick, farmer, Forest farm  
 Self George, farmer, Blackmore  
 Sheate James, farmer, Forest farm  
 Sheehy Ambrose Francis, inland revenue officer, Lowbourne bridge  
 Simmonds Frederick Allen, beer retailer, Beanacre  
 Skillen Samuel, Bear hotel, Bath road  
 Smith Alexander Gough, solicitor, commissioner for oaths & perpetual commissioner, registrar of county court & acting high bailiff, clerk to the urban district council, & agent to Imperial Fire office, Guardian Fire & Life Assurance Co. & Norwich & London Accident Association, Spa road  
 Smith Frederick, draper & hatter, & registrar of marriages for Melksham district, Bank street  
 Smith Jesse, boot maker, Bath road  
 Smith Mary (Miss), shopkeeper, Bath road  
 Smith Thomas, chimney sweeper, King street  
 Smith Walter, engineer, see Tilke & Smith  
 Spencer & Co. engineers & millwrights, manufacturers of steam engines, patent grain & warehousing machinery, hydraulic & other lifts & general machinery, Melksham foundry  
 Spencer Frederick, tailor, Union street  
 Stokes Charles, carpenter, Canhold  
 Stokes Edward, carpenter, King street  
 Stokes Mary Jane (Mrs.), furniture wareho. Lowbourne  
 Stratton James & Sons, wholesale tea dealers, grocers &c. High street  
 Summers James, cattle dealer, Chalymead  
 Taplin Walter Henry, hair dresser, Union street  
 Tayler John, steam & water miller on the Roller system corn merchant &c. Town mills  
 Tayler William, farmer, Townsend farm  
 Taylor & Cray, coach builders, Spa road  
 Taylor Sarah E. (Mrs.), agent to West of England Sack Hiring Co. Limited, Bath road  
 Taylor William, boot maker, King street  
 Temperance Hotel (Henry Finch, propr.), King street  
 Tilke & Smith, engineers & iron founders, Bath road  
 Town Hall & Cheese Market (Charles George Moule, sec.), Market place  
 Tucker John, carrier, Shurnhold  
 Vanterpool Ida (Miss), costumier, King street  
 Volunteer Battalion (2nd) Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment (H Company, C. F. Rumboll, captain; H. W. Tayler, lieut.; Color-Sergeant Frederick James Cole, drill instructor); drill hall, Church street  
 Waight Edwin, house decorator, King street  
 Waight Edwin (Mrs.), servants' registry office, King st  
 Wall Jas. C. Gt. Western railway goods agt. Rly. station  
 Walker Adlett, colporteur, Union street  
 Walker Amelia (Mrs.), apartments, Bank street  
 Ward Ernest, shopkeeper, City  
 Warren Elizabeth (Mrs.) & Burbidge Emma (Miss), dress makers, Union street  
 Watson & Flocks, bakers & mealmen, High street  
 Watson Henry, farmer, Woodrow  
 Watson James, farmer, Blackmore  
 Watson James Mizen, dairyman, Forest  
 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), Bath road  
 Westcott & Son, painters, Bank street  
 White George, cheesemonger, Market yard  
 White Henry John, outfitter, draper, millinery & mantle warehouseman, tailor, hatter, hosier, hair dresser &c. juvenile outfits, High street & Market place  
 Wicks Florence (Mrs.), dress maker, Snarlton  
 Wicks Henry, general dealer, Westlands lane  
 Wicks John, farmer, Snarlton  
 Wilcox Annie Gould (Miss), coal merchant, Union street  
 Wilts & Dorset Banking Co. Limited (branch) (John Parker, manager), Market place; draw on London & Westminster Bank Limited, London  
 Wilts Friendly Society (Charles Davis, steward), Coffee tavern, Bath road

Wiltshire George, farmer, Hack farm  
 Winslow John, grocer, Bank street  
 Winslow Martha (Mrs.), farmer, Berryfield  
 Winslow William, Unicorn inn, Bath road  
 Wood George, insurance agent, The Lawn

**MERE** is a union town and parish 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, 4 miles north from Gillingham station on the Salisbury and Yeovil branch of the South Western railway, 23 west-by-north from Salisbury, 7 west from Hindon, 7 east-by-north from Wincanton and 102 from London, in the Southern division of the county, Mere hundred, Tisbury and Mere petty sessional division, county court district of Shaftesbury, Wylve rural deanery (Heytesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. 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 chapels, clerestoried nave of five bays, aisles and north and south porches, over each of which is a parvise and square western tower 100 feet high, surmounted at the angles by four lofty pinnacles and contains 6 musical bells, 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 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 to John Bettesthorpe, who died in 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, average tithe rent-charge £295, net yearly value £220, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1890 by the Rev. John Augustus Lloyd M.A. of St. John's College, Oxford, and 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, 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 market, formerly held on Tuesday, has now become extinct, also the annual fairs that were 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. The Church Institute, 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 rooms, together with a library. 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. 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

Wood George (Mrs.), private school, The Lawn  
 Wootton James, farmer, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham  
 Wootton Sidney, farmer, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham

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, George Troyte-Chafyn-Grove esq. the trustees of the late Meyrick Bankes esq. and A. R. White esq. 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, £10,957; the population in 1891 was 749 in the civil and 2,279 in the ecclesiastical parish, including 49 officers and inmates in the workhouse.

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.

Zeals, a tithing in this civil parish, has been formed into an ecclesiastical parish, and will be found under a separate heading.

Post, M. O. & T. O., S. B., Express Delivery & Annuity & Insurance Office.—John Walton, postmaster. Letters viâ 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.

#### Public Officers.

Assistant Overseer & Collector of Poor Rates, Daniel Bell  
 Certifying Factory Surgeon, John McElfatrick, The Chantry

Clerk to the Burial Board, Clarence Edwin Rutter

#### Mere Union.

The Mere Union is in the counties of Wilts, Somerset & Dorset.

The following is a list of places in Mere union:—Bourton (Dorset), Kilmington (Somerset), Kingston Deverill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Maiden Bradley, Mere Town, Monckton Deverill, Upper Pertwood, Sedghill, Silton (Dorset), Stourton. The population in 1891 was 6,756; area, 34,456 acres; rateable value in 1894, £39,746

Board day, alternate fri. at the Workhouse at 11 a.m.  
 Clerk to the Guardians & Assessment Committee, John

Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere  
 Treasurer, John Sawtell, Wilts & Dorset Bank  
 Relieving Officer & Vaccination Officer for the Union,

Thomas Hall Woodford, Castle street  
 Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators, No. 1 district,

John McElfatrick, Chantry, Mere; No. 2 district,

Benjamin Pope Bartlett, Bourton, Dorset  
 Superintendent Registrar, John Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere; deputy, Thomas Hall Woodford

Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Thomas Hall Woodford, Castle street; deputy, George M. Athoe, Market place

Workhouse, Castle street, a building of stone, built about 1839, to hold 150 inmates; Jesse White, master; Mrs. White, matron

#### School Attendance Committee.

Meets at the Workhouse every Friday, monthly, at 1 p.m.

Clerk, John Thomas Humby, Mere  
 Attendance & Inquiry Officer, Thomas Hall Woodford, Castle street

#### Rural District Council.

Meets at the Workhouse monthly, on Fri. at 1 p.m.

Clerk, John Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere  
 Treasurer, John Sawtell, Wilts & Dorset Bank  
 Medical Officer of Health, Benj. Pope Bartlett, Bourton  
 Sanitary Inspector, Joseph Belbin, Clarks end

#### Places of Worship, with times of services.

Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Rev. John Augustus Lloyd M.A. vicar; 10.30 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; daily at 10 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.; holy communion, 1st Sunday of month, after morning prayer; all other Sundays & holy days at 8 p.m.

St. Matthew's Church, Rev. John Augustus Lloyd M.A. vicar; 2.30 p.m.; every Sunday except 1st Sunday of month at 6 p.m.; holy communion, 1st Sun. 10 a.m.