Post Office.—Mrs. Ellen Watts, sub-postmistress. Letters through Fairford S.O. (Glos.), arrive at 8.15 a.m.; dispatched 5 p.m. Postal Orders are issued and paid here. The nearest money order office is at Castle Eaton & telegraph office at Kempsford, 3 miles distant Elementary School (mixed), built in 1876, for 40 chil-

dren; average attendance, 32; it has a small endowment derived from the rents of three cottages; Miss Daisy Chiddy, mistress

Carrier to Cirencester.—Stroud, from Kempsford, mon. & fri. passing through Marston, returning same day

Bulley Fredc. Pocock J.P. Marston hl A'Court Eliza (Mrs.), grocer Bulley Mrs. sen. Marston hill Mitchell Mathew, The Villa Pollard The Misses Sketchley Rev. Horatio Powys M.A. Mutlow Alfred, Three Magpies P.H. (vicar)

Akers John William, baker Everett George, shopkeeper Howse Henry, farmer Rickards John, farmer, Furzey hill

Sparrow David, farmer, Marsh Hill frm. Thomas Joseph, Spotted Cow P.H. Waite Jesse, wheelwright Watts Ellen (Mrs.), sub-postmistress Watts Walter James, upholsterer & carriage trimmer

county, was made a civil parish in 1894, under the "Local Government Acts" of 1888 and 1894 from the parish of Highworth, it having been an ecclesiastical parish from 1889: it is 3 miles west from Shrivenham station on the Didcot and Swindon section of the Great Western railway and 2 east-by-north from Stratton station on the Swindon and Highworth branch of the same line and 3½ north-east from Swindon, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, Swindon union, county court district and petty sessional division, rural deanery of Cricklade and archdeaconry and diocese of Bristol. The church of St. Mary Magdalene is an ancient structure, partly in the Early English style, with traces of Norman work, and consists of chancel, nave, south transept, south porch and an embattled western tower with pinnacles, containing a clock and 3 bells: the church was restored under the direction of Mr. Belcher, architect, of London, at a cost of over £2,000, and affords sittings for 200 persons. The register dates from the year 1539. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £100, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held by the Rev. Angus

SOUTH MARSTON, on the Berkshire border of the | Macdonald. The vicarage was built and presented by Miss Bell. There is a Wesleyan chapel. Miss Bell, of the Manor House, who is lady of the manor, John Ashfordby-Trenchard esq. and the trustees of the late Rev. Canon John H. Warneford M.A. (d. 1899), are the principal landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, chalk. The crops are chiefly grass. The area is 1,833 acres; rateable value, £9,960; the population in 1901 was 348. Rowborough, a Roman settlement, is half a mile

south-east.

Post Office.—Daniel Lewis, sub-postmaster. Letters. from Swindon arrive at 7.15 a.m. & 3 p.m.; dispatched at 7.15 p.m.; sun. at 7.45 a.m. Postal Orders are issued and paid here. Stratton St. Margaret is the nearest money order & telegraph office, 2 miles distant

Elementary School (mixed), with residence for mistress, erected in 1873, at the cost of A. Bell esq. for 80 children, & enlarged by Miss Bell, for 102 children in 1895; average attendance, 62; & supported partly by Miss Bell & private subscription; Miss Annie Cross, mistress

Carriers to Swindon.—William Bridges, tues. fri. & sat.; Alfred Selby, tues. & fri

Bell Miss, Manor house Macdonald Rev. Angus (vicar)

COMMERCIAL.

Banwell Edwin, farmer, Huntscoppice Love Henry, farmer Beasley John, beer retailer Bridges William, market gardener Cheesley Sidney, plasterer Collins Jn. farmer, Quarry Fern farm | Ponting Andrew, baker Collins Edward, farmer

Head Ephraim, shoe maker Large Henry, carpenter Lewis Daniel, grocer, & post office Maisey Alexander, farmer Ody Mrs. farmer Parsons Hy. frmr. Burton Grove frm | Westell John, dairyman & farmer Richens Albert, farmer, Church farm

Greenaway Alfred, farmer, Priory farm | Selby Alfred, market gardener Smith William, farmer Sharps Frank, farmer Snook Albt. assist. overseer & farmer Tayler Sidney Robt.frmr.Rowboro'frm Titcomb Thos. Carriers' Arms P.H Warren William, thatcher Williams Elizabeth (Mrs.), shopkeeper

MARTIN is a parish formerly in Wiltshire, but by the tion (No. 12) Act, 1895," it has been transferred to "Local Government Board's Provincial Orders Confirma- Hampshire.

MELCHET PARK is a parish formerly in this | Government Board's Provincial Orders Confirmation (No. county but transferred to Hampshire by the "Local 12) Act, 1895."

MELKSHAM.

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 north from Warminster,12 east from Bath, 7 south from Chippenham and 5 south-southeast 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 roya! 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 was from 1878 under the control of a Local Board, but under the provisions of the "Local | Government Act, 1894" (56 & 57 Vict. c. 73), it is now governed by an Urban District Council, and 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 are 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 13 miles southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal.

Under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894," the ancient parish of Melksham was, by Local Government Board Order, No. 31,684, dated 30th September, 1894, divided into two parishes, known as living is a vicarage, net income £250, with 3 acres of

MELKSHAM is a market and union and county court | Melksham Within and Melksham Without, the former

being the area of the Urban District. 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 3512 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 edifice of freestone, which dates from the Norman period, but is now chiefly in the Perpendicular style, and consists of Norman chancel, nave of five bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled tower with pinnacles, containing 8 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: in 1891 the church was reseated and new floored, the oaken roof opened, and a carved oak screen and brass lectern were then 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, and in 1897 a stained window was placed by Mrs. Stewart, of Lowbourne, in memory of her father, the late General Moule: the stained west window was erected in 1899, and in 1903 a memorial window was placed in the aisle to those parishioners who fell during the campaign in S. Africa 1899-1902: the organ was rebuilt in 1903, and an oak screen has been fitted at the west end: there are 600. sittings. The register dates from the year 1560. The

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, hon. canon of Salisbury, and surrogate. St. Andrew's chapel, about r mile from the town, erected 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, is a building in the Early English style, from plans given by the late G. E. Street esq. R.A. and consists of chancel, nave, south porch, and a western turret containing one bell: there are 200 sittings. The mission church of St. Barnabas, at Beanacre, was built in 1887, and affords 100 sittings.

The Society of Friends' meeting house, King street,

erected in 1734, has 300 seats.

The Baptist chapel, Broughton road, founded in 1669, has 380 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.

has 450 sittings, and that in Semington lane, built in | value, £10,155; the population in 1901 was 2,450.

1896, will seat 100.

The Town Hall and Cheese Market, now (1903) the property of Charles Awdry esq. were erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders at an expense of £3,350; and form a spacious and well-arranged edifice of white freestone, in the Italian style. The New Hall, in the Market place, erected 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.

An extensive iron foundry, carried on by Messrs. Spencer and Co. Limited affords employment for about

1,000 persons.

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., S. B., E. D., P. P. & A. & I. O. Bank street.—Alfred William Jolliffe, postmaster Dispatch of Letters.—Day Mail—London, Bath, Bristol, North Wales & Ireland, 9.15 & 11.10 a.m.; North of England, Scotland & London, 2.25 p.m.; Trowbridge, 5.30 p.m.; South Wales, 6.10 p.m.; London & all parts of the United Kingdom, 9.15 p.m.

Delivery of Letters.—London & all parts, 6.45 a.m.; North of England, South-west of England, Scotland & Wales 9.15 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 8 a.m. till 9 p.m. Postal order business from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m

Wall Letter Boxes at Spa, Devizes road, Forest, Station road & Beanacre

COUNTY MAGISTRATES FOR MELKSHAM DIVISION. Stancomb John Frederick esq. M.A. Shaw house, Melksham, chairman

Awdry Charles esq. D.L. Shaw Hill ho. Shaw, Melksham Bell William Heward esq. F.G.S. Cleve house, Seend, Melksham

Blake John Heritage esq. Beechfield, Melksham

Lee Wm. Blackstone esq. Somerset ho. Seend, Melksham Lockwood William Robert Percival esq. Cottles house, Atworth, Melksham

Lopes George esq. Sandridge park, Melksham

Rumboll Charles Fredk. M.D. Lowbourne house, Melkshm The chairman, for the time being, of the Melksham Rural District Council, is an ex-officio magistrate.

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 fourth friday in every month at 10.30 a.m.

> Members. Chairman, Alfred Stratton. Vice-Chairman, James Edward Bush.

Retire in April, 1903.

Hurn Walter Gunstone Edwin Bush James Edward Tayler Herbert William

The manufacture of mattings, mats, rope, twine, and sacking is also carried on here. There is also an india rubber factory carried on by the Avon India Rubber Co. Limited.

The Freemasons' Hall in Church street, was erected in 1897 by the brethren of the Lodge, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

The Cottage Hospital, established here in 1868, was rebuilt in 1895, the cost being defrayed by H. G. White esq. of Whitley; it contains 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 and distributed at the discretion of the vicar.

The principal landowners are the Right Hon. Walter Hume Long P.C., M.P. of Rood Ashton House, who is lord of the manor, Richard Penruddocke Ludlow-Bruges esq. of Seend, Lieut.-Gen. Lord Methuen G.C.B., K.C.V.O. of Corsham Court, Mrs. Ralph Lopes, of Sandridge Park, and Charles Awdry esq. of Shaw Hill.

The area of Melksham Within civil parish and Urban The Wesleyan chapel, Market place, erected in 1872. District is 465 acres of land and 11 of water; rateable

The population of the ecclesiastical parish in 1901 was

3,964.

The area of Melksham Without civil parish is 7,894 acres of land and 46 of water; rateable value, £15,377; the population in 1901 was 2,238.

The parish was originally divided into 7 tithings, Shaw and Whitley, Beanacre, Blackmore, Woolmore, Canhold,

Woodrow, and the town tithing.

Beanacre is a tithing I mile north-west. Here is St. Barnabas church and a Baptist chapel, erected in 1839. Blackmore, I mile south-east, is also a tithing, and has a mission chapel (St. Andrews), erected in 1887, and capable of holding 100 persons. A school-room adjoining was added in 1890.

Stratton Alfred Usher James

Retire in April, 1904. Maggs Charles William Lee Edwin John

Retire in April, 1905.

Bigwood Albert Edward Hayter Charles

Knee Frederick Henry MacDonald Thomas William

Officers.

Clerk, Alexander Gough Smith, Spa road

Treasurer, Edward James Edgell Creese, Capital & Counties Bank

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

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Arthur E. A. Bush, High street

Collector, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

MELKSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meets at the Board room, Semington, every fourth wednesday, at 12.30 p.m.

Chairman, Alfred Stratton, Cray Croft, Melksham Clerk, William John Mann, Union street, Trowbridge Treasurer, William Lucke, Capital & Counties Bank, Trowbridge

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

Sanitary Inspector & District Surveyor, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

POLICE.

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

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

County Court, His Honor Gwynne James LL.D. judge; Alexander Gough Smith, registrar & acting high bailiff; Jesse Smith-Keen, Bath road, 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, Frank S. Clark, Baldwin street, Bristol, official

receiver

Cottage Hospital, William Ingram Keir F.R.C.S. Edin., Baptist, Beanacre; 6 p.m. Charles Frederick Rumboll M.D., B.S. & Thomas Wood Locket M.A., M.B., B.C. hon. medical officers; Charles William 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

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Assistant Overseer, Frank Usher Greenhill, North Bradley,

King street

Certifying Factory Surgeon, Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Nos. 4 & 5 districts, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Wm. Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. Edin. The Limes, Melksham

Clerk to Land Tax Commissioners & Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham division, Charles George Moule, Lowbourne

Collector of Poor Rates, Frank Usher Greenhill, King st Distributor of Stamps, Alfred William Jolliffe, Bank st. Inland Revenue Officer, C. Collins, Box

Inspector of Weights & Measures, F. Beardsley, Warminstr Medical Officer, No. 3 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Charles Frederic Rumboll M.D.Lowbourne house Registrar of Births & Deaths, Melksham sub-district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Archibald Howard Gilbert, Town hall; deputy, Frank Usher Greenhill, North Bradley, King street

Relieving Officer & Collector to the Guardians, No. 2 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Archibald

Howard Greenhill, Town hall Town Crier, William Barton, Lowbourne

PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of Services.

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. Edwin Geo. Wyld B.A. vicar; the Rev. John William Henry Watson Foale, curates; 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.

St. Barnabas Church, Beanacre, served from St. Michael's church; 6.15 p.m.

Friends' Meeting House, King street; clerk to the meeting, Edward Simpson; 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, Forest; 6 p.m.

Particular Baptist (Ebenezer), Union street; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; wed. 7 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 (Wilt-

shire Mission); 10.30 a.m. & 6 Rev. GeorgeBolderstone; p.m.; mon. 7 p.m. & wed. 7 Rev.Wm. Dawson Barton, p.m supernumerary

Wesleyan, Semington lane (Wiltshire Mission); 6 p.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Melksham, Churchyard. The first school, built in 1840, is now used for girls & infants. In 1878 a building adjoining (originally an old tithe barn) was utilised as a school for boys & will hold 240; average attendance, 135; girls' & infants' 300; average attendance, 180; William Henry House, master; Miss Harriet Godwin, mistress; Miss Stevens, infants' mistress

Sandridge (mixed), with residence for master, built in 1874, for 100 children; average attendance, 58; John E. Hickley, master

Lowbourne (mixed & infants), built in 1829, for 330 children; average attendance, 260; Thomas George, master; Miss Clara Mills, infants' mistress

RAILWAY.

Great Western Station, Bath road, Edwin Charles Beard, station master; Sidney C. Burt, agents; Henry Gibbs, parcel agent

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

CARRIERS.

Bath—H. Gibbs, from the Market place, at 8.30 a.m. every wed. & sat. returning same days Devizes—H. Gibbs, from the Market place, 9.15 a.m. on thurs. returning same day 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

PRIVATE RESIDENTS. Andrews Miss, Avon villa Angell George, Sandridge road Baily Misses, Thornbank Baily William, Semington road Barton Miss, Coburg place Barton Rev. William Dawson (Wes-| Coombe Henry John, Union street leyan), Hazeldene, Sandridge road | Cottle William James, Bank street Beard Rev. Jn. Arth. (Cong.), King st | Courtis Miss, Coburg place Bigwood Albert Edward, The Gables, Crisp Mrs. Lowbourne Forest road Bigwood Lewin John, West end Blake John Heritage, Beachfield, Cuming John S. Forest cottage Beanacre Blake Lewis Henry, Bath road Blathwayt George William Wynter, Melksham house Bliss John, King street Bolderstone Rev. George (Wesleyan), Davis Henry, Canhold Leon house, West end Bosworth Charles Rood, Killeagh, Deverell George, Canon square Sandridge road Boulter Thomas, Union street Brown Alfred, Wyndham cot. Forest | Duck William, Coburg place Brown Alfred John, 3 Victoria terrace Finch Henry, Albion house, King st Bruges Misses, St. Andrew's villa, Flooks Edward Gane, The Lindens, Lowbourne Buckland Lott, Ashleigh, Blackmore Bulgar Mrs. Lowbourne Bulgin Mrs. Rose villa Bull William, Lowbourne Burgess Alfred, High street Burgess Henry, Bath road Burton Alfred, King street Place road Canner Rev. James T., M.A. (vicar | Gray Alfred Murray, Inglewood of Bulkington), Springfield, The Spa Green Mrs. Alpine villa, Lowbourne Corpenter Misses, Canon square Cheap Mrs. Lowbourne

Chilcott Mrs. Bath road

Clarke Henry, Canon square Clatworthy Alfred Henry, I Coburg | Hayter Charles, High street place, Spa road Collett Joseph, Bower hill Coombe Arthur, Bath road Creese Edward James Edgell, Bank house, Bank street Dallimore Mrs. Westleigh, King street Jones Joseph Henry, Lowbourne Semington road Dancey Misses, Beanacre Davis George, Canhold Deacon Mrs. West end Dodson Mrs. Kimber street Driver Miss, Bank street Bank street Flower Mrs. Coburg place Foxwell Miss, King street Fry Miss, Coburg place George Thomas, Lowbourne place Gerrish Mrs. Bank street Giddings Albert James, Penrose villa, King street Goodreds Joseph W. 2 Victoria ter | Manning Henry John, Shurnhold

Green Mrs. Bowden view

Gunstone Edwin, Shurnhold

Greenhill Frank Usher, King street

Hawkins Richard, Bower hill Hill Frederick, Sandridge road Hitchcock Arthur, Sandridge road Coombe Albert, Forest vil. Lowbourne | Holborow Isaac, The Cabin, Market pl House William Henry, Grove cottage Hughes Peter, Semington road Hurn Albert, Rowley, Lowbourne Hurn Frederick George, Lowbourne Hurn Walter, Maple croft, Lowbourne Hutton Geo. Alpine villa, Lowbourne Hutton Mrs. Woodrow, Forest Jolliffe Alfred William, High street Dallimore Mrs. Mary, Rose villa, Keevil Edward, Oakwood, Spa road Keevil Mrs. Coburg place Keir William Ingram, The Limes Kelson Thomas, Collingwood, Spa rd Knee Fdk. Hy. Sunnyside, Sandridge rd Laine Robert, Church walk Lee Edwin John, Bank street Lee John, Spa road Lee Mrs. Emlyn villas, Bank street Lewington Job, Drinkwater house Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, Beanacre cottage Locket Thomas Wood M.A., M.B., B.C. Inglewood, Place road Lopes George J.P. Sandridge park Lopes Miss, Sandridge park Lopes Mrs. Ralph, Sandridge park Maggs Mrs. Bowerhill lodge Maggs Charles William, Agra, Spa rd Manning Arthur Herbert, High street Bush James Edward, Cottingham vil. Godwin Miss, The School ho. Union st | Manning Frederick Webb, Shurnhold Marley Duncan, The Briars, Forest rd Matravers Thomas, Lowbourne Matthews Alfred, Church street Merrett Mrs. Avon view, Bath road Merrett Mrs. Lowbourne place

Millard Albert, Market place Mills Mrs. Welton house, Market pl Missen George Frederick, Bath road Missen James, Beanacre Moore Moses, Manoria vil. Market pl Skinner Eli, Bath road Moule Charles George, Lowbourne Muggleworth John, King street Norris Mrs. F. Rhondda villa, King st Oatley James, Bath road Oatley Misses, King street Orum Miss Parker Robert John, Gower villa Parnell William, Spa road Phelps Miss, Avonside Pike James, Belmont, The Spa Platt Owen, Bath road Pritchard Miss, Semington road Privett Percy, West end Robertson George, 5 Victoria terrace Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., V.D., J.P. Lowbourne house Sawtell Henry, The Chestnuts Scobell Mrs. Beanacre

Selman Thomas Robert, Martindale, Thurlow William Henry, Glenfarne, West end Shaul Mrs. Thornbank cottage Simpson Mrs. Cottingham vil. Place rd Smith Rev. William Augustus Sidney | Wall John Tylee, Avon villa (Baptist), Bath road Smith Alex. Gough, Thornleigh Smith James, West end Smith Walter, Emlyn villa, Bank st Stewart Mrs. Noel villa, Spa road Stokes Singer, Church walk Stratton Alfred, Cray Croft Stratton George, Giffords, Lowbourne Stratton Misses, Leaze cottage Swanborough Frederick, Bath road Sweet William Edward, King street Tayler Hbt. Wm. Highfield, Lowbourne Tayler Miss, Glenside, King street Tayler Mrs. The Island Taylor John, Spa road Taylor Miss, Semington road

WILTSHIRE.

Sandridge road Tilke Theodore William, Claremont villa, Market place Usher James, Spa road Wallis William, King street Watson Edwin, Snarlton Watson Thos. Ardagh, Sandridge rd Webb Mrs. Market place Weston Mrs. West end White Henry, Hillside, The Spa Whithey Albert, Rose villa, King st | Wickham James Bruce, Spa road Wilkinson Miss, Lowbourne Williams James, The Spa Witton John Wadley, West end Witts Miss, Spa road Woodman Mrs. King street Wyatt James, I Victoria terrace Wyld Rev. Edwin George B.A. (vicar & surrogate), The Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Early closing day, Wednesday.

Abbott John, rope maker, Bank street Adams Alfred, baker, City Alford Elihu Charles J. pork butcher, Lowbourne Angel Arthur, sexton, Church street Annal Henry Sinclair, chemist & druggist Arney Thomas, tailor, Bank street Arthur Charles Perkins, painter &c. Market place Avon India Rubber Co. Limited, The Factory Barton William, town crier & bill poster, Lowbourne Beale William, grocer, Bank street Beard Edwin Charles, station master to the G. W. railway, Bath road Beaven & Compton, solicitors, Lowbourne Bevan Edmund R. draper, Lowbourne Bigwood & Co. builders & contractors, Market place Bigwood Alice (Miss), milliner, Market place Bigwood Lewin John, general, furnishing & builders' ironmonger, tinplate worker, agricultural implement & motor car & cycle agent & repairer, High street Bodmin William, Crown inn P.H. Market place Bolwell Edward, coal merchant, King street Bolwell William, printer & stationer, Lowbourne Bowell Edward, coal merchant, King street Brooke Edwin, farmer, Sandridge Brooke George, farmer, Blackmore Budd William, manager of gas works, Bath road Burbidge George, commission agent, Church walk Burgess Henry & Son, bakers & confectioners, High street Bush Arthur E. A. surveyor & sanitary inspector to the Urban District Council, High street Bush James Edward, chemist, Market place Butt George, ladies' tailor & costumier, High street Canning James, poulterer &c. Forest road Capital & Counties Bank Limited (branch) (Edward Jas. Edgell Creese, manager), Bank street; draw on head office, 39 Threadneedle street, London E C Chivers Alfred, beer retailer, King street Chivers Julia (Mrs.), dress maker, Bath road Cleverly Henry John, watch & clock maker, High street Colbourne & Sons, plasterers &c. Lowbourne Collett & Parker, auctioneers, surveyors, valuers & estate agents Collett Albert Henry, farmer, Beanacre farm Collett William James, butcher, High street Compton James, solicitor (firm, Beaven & Compton) Cook William G. George inn, Bank street Coombe Albert & Son, ginger beer makers &c. The Ark Cooper Joseph, beer retailer, Semington road Cooper Joseph, coal merchant, King street Cottle Charles Richard, farmer, Woodrow Cottle Frederick, farmer, Craysmarsh Cettle William James, house agent, Bank street Cottle William Newman, farmer, Conigree farm County Court (Alex. Gough Smith, registrar), Spa rd Creese Edward James Edgell, manager to the Capital & Counties Bank & treasurer to the Urban District Council, Bank street Crook Charles & Sons, contractors, Shurnhold Crook Joseph & Son, contractors, New Broughton road

Crook Florence Kate (Miss), dress ma. New Broughton rd

Crook Mark, haulier, New Broughton road

Dancey Thomas (Mrs.), farmer, Beanacre

Crook Worthy, cowkeeper, Beanacre

Dartnell Henry William, manager to the Wilts & Dorset Bank, Market place Davis George & Son, monumental masons & builders, Canhold Day Alfred, draper, King street & Bath road Deverall George, carpenter &c. Bower hill Deverell Tom, plasterer, Church street Dewey & Son, bakers, Union street Dickinson John Langstaffe, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Dickinson, Robinson & Tayler Dix Edward, shopkeeper, King street Earle Joseph, carpenter, King street Edginton Percy, clothier, Bank street Edwards Christiana (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Beanacre Ellis William, farmer, Bower hill Escott James, poulterer &c. Bower hill Fennell Albert, grocer & farmer, Sandridge lane; postal address, Chippenham Fenner Henry, bookseller, Lowbourne Ferris Charles, plasterer, Forest Finch Henry, basket maker, King street Fire Engine Station (Jsph. Jones, capt.), Market yard Flooks & Manning, wine & spirit merchants & general family drapers, High street Flower John, farmer & cattle dealer, Semington road Freemasons' (Chaloner) Lodge, No. 2,644 (Rt.Parker, sec) Fry John, farmer, Queenfield Futvove Florence (Miss), girls' boarding & day school, Market place Galsworthy James, confectioner, High street Gas Light & Coke Co.Lim.(Wm.Budd,sec.& mgr.), Bath rd Gaysford John, coffee tavern, Bath road Gerrish Albert, grocer & gasfitter, King street Gerrish James, boot maker, King street Gerrish Kate (Miss), dress maker, King street Gibbs Henry, furniture remover & storer & carrier, Market place Gibbs Henry, job master, Market place Gibbs Henry, King's Arms family & commercial hotel & posting house, Market place Gibbs Joseph, Bell inn P.H. Bath road Gilbert Archibald Howard, relieving officer No. 2 district & collector to the Guardians, Melksham district. & registrar of births & deaths, Melksham sub-district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Town hall Gill Charles, coffee tavern, High street Gilmore Arthur, farmer, The Spa Gowen Frank, draper &c. High street Gowing & Son, grocers & agents for W. & A. Gilbey Lim. wine & spirit merchants, High street Gray & Son, watch & clock makers, High street Greenhill Frank Usher, collector of general district rates, sanitary inspector & district surveyor to the Rural District Council, deputy registrar of births, deaths & marriages & assistant overseer for Melksham Within & assistant overseer & collector of poor rates for Southwick, North Bradley, King street Gregory Bryant, market gardener, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham Gregory Henry E. hair dresser, Church street Gregory Jn. frmr. Sandridge; postal add. Chippenham Grist Thomas Edward, millwright, Bath road

Haines Jerry George, farmer, Forest

Harriss Thomas, butcher, Church street

Harrold Charles, baker & grocer, Forest

Harrold Aaron, baker & grocer, Bath road

Hancock Emily (Mrs.), dress maker, King street

Harrold John, market gardener, Canhold Hawkins Frederick, farm bailiff to Mr. James Summers, Queenfield

Hayter Charles, tailor, breeches maker & gentlemen's hosier, High street; & at High street, Devizes Hayward Frank, hair dresser, Market place Hayward William, farmer, Blackmore

Hedges Archibald, The Grapes P.H. Bank street High School for Boys (The)(Arthur William Gosnell M.A. Christ's Coll. Camb. head master), Semington road

Holloway Brothers, butchers, Bath road Holloway William, farmer, Snarlton Iane

Hughes Henry (Mrs.), market gardener, Sandridge; postal address, Chippenham

Hunt William, farmer, Outmarsh farm, Semington road Hurn Brothers, timber merchants, The Ark; saw mills, Melksham station

Hurn John, shopkeeper, Lowbourne

Hutton Bros. John & George, butchers, High street, & farmers, Woodrow, Forest

International Tea Stores Limited (The), Market place Jarvis Eliza (Mrs.), shopkeeper, King street

Jolliffe Alfred William & Co. printers, stationers, booksellers, fancy repository, lending library, advertising contractors & bill posting, High street

Jones Joseph & Son, smiths & wheelwrights, Spa road Jolliffe Alfred William, postmaster & distributor of stamps, Bank street

Jones James, grocer &c. Forest

geon, Inglewood, Place road

Keen James Smith, general dealer & beer retailer, City Keir William Ingram L.R.C.P. & F.R.C.S.Edin. surgeon, medical officer of health to the Urban & Rural District Councils, & medical officer Nos. 4 & 5 districts, & public vaccinator, Trowbridge & Melksham district, & certifying factory surgeon, The Limes

Kelson Thomas Alfred, beer retailer & grocer, Church st King's Arms Family & Commercial Hotel & Posting House

(Henry Gibbs, proprietor), Market place Knee Albert John, sign painter, Union street Knee Rose (Miss), grocer, Old Broughton road Knee William Charles, watch maker &c. Bank street Legge George, fishmonger, High street Lewington William, fruiterer, King street Lock Edward & Son, boot makers, High street Lock Henry John, cabinet maker & carpenter, Acre Lock Louisa Jane (Mrs.), apartments, Railway view Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, solicitor, clerk to magistrates & commissioner to administer oaths, Bank st Locket Thomas Wood M.A., M.B., B.C. physician & sur-

Maggs Charles William, hempen & cocoa nut fibre works,

Spa road

Manning Arthur & Co. furniture, china & glass & earthenware & toy dealers & ironmongers, Lowbourne

Manning Arthur Herbert, draper, see Flooks & Manning Maslen Jane (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Church street Mattingly George & Frederick, saddlers, Bank street

Melksham Agricultural Society (Robert John Parker, hon. sec)

Melksham Cottage Hospital (Edward James Edgell Creese, treas.; Charles William Maggs, hon. sec.; Miss F. E. Driver, matron), Bank street

Melksham Liberal Club (William Sweet & Alfred Gerrish, joint hon. secs.), High street

Melksham Technical School (A. G. Smith, treas. & sec.), Bath road

Melksham Working Men's Club (Henry Davis, sec. & George Haddrell, steward), King street

Milford Andrew, farmer, Manor farm, Sandridge

Miller George Henry, cabinet maker & temperance htl. Bath road

Milward & Sons Lim. boot & shoe maker, High street Moule Charles George, clerk to the income & land tax commissioners, Lowbourne

Mutual Improvement Society (William Henry House, hon. sec.), Reading rooms, Bank street

New Hall (William Harris, caretaker), Market place Newman James, butcher, Bank street

Offer Albert James & Son, printers, Bank street Ogle Charles Henry, teacher of music, Church street Parker Robert John, auctioneer, see Collett & Parker Perrett William, greengrocer & pork butcher, High st

Petty William, blacksmith, King street Pickford Henry, farmer, Westlands Pocock Henry John, farmer, Beanacre

Poffley Albert, shopkeeper, Church street Ponting William, shopkeeper, Bath road

Porter Sydney, photographer (attends tuesdays 10.30 to 4.30), Bank street

Raines Frederick Thomas, builder, West street

Reading Rooms (William Hy. House, hon. sec.), Bank st Redman Frederick, farmer, Shurnhold

Reeves Frank, plumber, painter &c. Bath road

Reeves John, china dealer, Bath road

Richards Fred, wholesale iron & metal merchant; old metal bought for cash, Lowbourne

Richards Walter, carpenter, Blackmore

Richards William Frederick, beer retailer, Beanacre

Rickett William, Unicorn inn P.H. Bath road Ritchens George, shopkeeper, West end

Robinson William James, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Dickinson, Robinson & Tayler

Rowlett John Thomas, grocer & draper, Market place Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S.Eng. surgeon & medical officer, No. 3 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Lowbourne house

Salter Alfred John Thomas, baker, Old Broughton road Sawtell B. & Sons Limited, wholesale feather purifiers, Old Broughton road

Sawyer William, farmer, Halfway

Scott Edward, draper, Bath road Scott Tom, painter, glazier, house decorator, paperhanger &c.; a large assortment of wall papers kept in stock; estimates given; Union street

Self Frederick, farmer

Sheate William, farmer, Bower hill

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, & registrar of marriages for

Melksham district, Bank street

Smith James, inspector of police, Market place

Smith Jesse, boot maker, & county court bailiff, Bath rd Smith Thomas, chimney sweeper, King street

Smith Walter, engineer, see Tilke & Smith

Spencer & Co. Limited, engineers & millwrights, manufacturers of steam engines, patent grain & warehousing machinery, hydraulic & other lifts & general machinery, Melksham foundry

Spencer Frederick, tailor, Union street Star Charles Gill, confectioner, High street

Stratton, Sons & Mead Limited, wholesale tea dealers, grocers &c. High street

Stevens Charles Robert, boot & shoe maker, Bath road Summers James, farmer & cattle dealer, West End farm

Sweet William E. assistant overseer & clerk to the Parish Council for Melksham Without, King street

Tayler John, steam & water miller on the Roller system, corn merchant &c. Town mills

Tayler Walter Henry, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Dickinson, Robinson & Tayler

Taylor & Cray, coach builders, Spa road Taylor William, boot maker, King street

Tilke & Smith Limited, mechanical, electrical & motor engineers, iron founders, hot water fitters, cycle agents & repairers, manufacturers of hand-travelling & other cranes, winding drums & every description of quarry machinery, High street & Bath road

Town Hall & Cheese Market (Charles George Moule,

sec.), Market place

Trowbridge Co-operative Industrial Provident Society, Church street

Tylee W. J. & Son, job masters & horse breakers, Bath rd Tylee William J. Bear hotel, Bath road

Venton Frederick, cycle maker, Union street

Volunteer Battalion (2nd) Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment (H Company, Capt. Herbert W. Taylor; Color-Sergeant W. R. Yardley, drill instructor); drill hall, Church street

Waight Edwin, house decorator, King street

Waight Edwin (Mrs.), servants' registry office, King st Wansbrough, Dickinson, Robinson & Tayler, solicitors, Market place; attends saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Watson Henry, farmer, Rhotteridge farm, Woodrow

Watson James Mizen, dairyman, Forest Watson Thomas Truman, farmer, The Spa

Weakley John, shopkeeper, City

Webb Amos, stone mason & builder, Beanacre Webb John, farmer & dairyman, Semington

Webb Thomas (Mrs.), farmer, Forest

Webley Jesse, draper, Bank street

West of England Sack Hiring Co. Limited (Thomas Grist, agent), Bath road

Westgate King George, farmer, Bowerhill White George, cheese merchant, Market yard

White Henry, outfitter, draper, millinery & mantle warehouseman, tailor, hatter, hosier &c. juvenile outfits,

High street White James Maslen, farmer, The Spa

Whitmarsh Julia Catherine (Mrs.), apartments, Bank st Wilcox Annie Gould (Miss), coal merchant, Union street Wilts & Dorset Banking Co. Limited (branch) (Henry William Dartnell, manager), Market place; draw on London & Westminster Bank Limited, Lothbury, London E C

Wiltshire George, farmer, Hack farm Wilts United Dairies Limited, Old Broughton road Winslow John, grocer, Bank street Winslow Martha (Mrs.), farmer, Berryfield

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, Wylye rural deanery (Heytesbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury. The town is lighted with gas from works erected in 1866. The provision of a new water supply for the whole district is now (1903) being undertaken by the Rural District Council. The church of St. Michael the Archangel is a building of stone in the Perpendicular style, with traces of Early English and reputed Saxon work, consisting of chancel with chapels, clerestoried nave of five bays, aisles, north and south porches, over each of which is a parvise, and a western tower 100 feet high, with pinnacles, and containing a clock with chimes and 6 bells: the chancel is separated from the nave by a beautifully carved oak screen, the upper part of which has been restored at the cost of Mrs. A. Morrison, of Fonthill: there are two chantry chapels, and in the south chapel is a brass to John Betteshorne, d. 1398: the present chancel and the chapels were built in the 14th century, but the tower dates from about the middle of the 15th century: there are 580 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. living is a vicarage, 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, was opened in 1882, and is an edifice of stone and brick, consisting of apsidal chancel, nave, north porch, and a turret containing one bell, and will seat 150 persons: the cost of erection was about £1,000, the site being the gift of Miss Grove; it is served by the clergy of St. Michael the Archangel. The Congregational chapel was founded in 1795, the present edifice, a large Gothic structure, was erected at a cost of over £8,000, defrayed by Charles Jupe esq.; there is 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 three acres, was opened in 1856, and has two mortuary chapels; during the excavations necessary in its formation an earthen vessel was discovered containing 400 Roman coins; it is under the control of a committee of the Parish Council, acting as a burial board. 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. The clock tower in the Market place occupies the site of the old market house and was erected in 1866 by H.M. the King, then the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall. charities amount to £158 yearly: Gillingham Forest charity, arising from inclosure of land at Gillingham Forest, produces from yearly, and is distributed in shares: the allotment charity, derived from land in Gillingham parish, yields f_{20} annually, and is distributed to the poor. John Phillips, of Charnage, left by his will the sum of £800, the interest of which is devoted to the repair of his tomb and the support of the Sunday school, the surplus is distributed by the churchwardens; there are a few minor charities now amalgamated under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners. The ancient Manor House, now used as a farm house, includes a domestic chapel, called "Woodlands," south of the town. 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; some traces of this castle 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. F.S.A.

Withy Albert, painter &c. West end Wootten Edwd. farmer, Sandridge; postal add. Chippenhm Wootten Elizabeth (Mrs.), farmer, Sandridge; postal ad-

dress, Chippenham

Yardley Color-Sergt. William Revel, drill instructor to H Co. 2nd Vol. Batt. Duke of Edinburgh's (Wilts Reg.), Spa road

late Meyrick Bankes esq. and A. R. White esq. of Charnage. 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 6,055 acres of land and 4 of water; rateable value, £8,015; the population in 1901 was 1,977, including 5 officers and 38 inmates in the workhouse.

Sexton, Arthur Norris.

Chaddenwicke is a tithing, 1½ miles north-east; Wood-lands, 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 a civil parish, and will be found under a separate

heading.

Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., S. B., E. D., P. P. & A. & I. O.—John Walton, sub-postmaster. Letters, viâ Bath, are delivered at 7 a.m. & 2 & 5.15 p.m.; dispatched at 11.10 a.m. & 3 & 7.40 p.m.; sunday at 7.25 p.m. Wall Letter Box, Waterside, cleared at 6.20 p.m.; sunday, 12.5 p.m.

MERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meets at the Workhouse monthly, on fri. at 1 p.m. Chairman, Arthur Rabbitts White, Charnage, Mere, Bath Clerk, John Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere Treasurer, Alfred Hopkins, Wilts & Dorset Bank Medical Officer of Health, Benj. Pope Bartlett M.R.C.S. Eng. Bourton

Engineer, Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Edwin P.Davies

A.S.I. Castle street

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Assistant Overseer & Collector of Poor Rates, Edgar Chas. Taylor, Mere mill

Certifying Factory Surgeon, Francis Burchett Rutter M.D., B.S. Dewes house

Clerk to the Burial Board, Edgar Charles Taylor, Mere mi

MERE UNION.

The following is a list of places in Mere union:—Kilmington, Kingston Deverill, East Knoyle, West Knoyle, Maiden Bradley, Mere Town, Monckton Deverill, Sedghill, Stourton & Zeals. The population in 1901 was 5,210; area, 32,309 acres; rateable value in 1903, £32,033

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

Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere

Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Arthur Rabbits White, Charnage, Mere, Bath Treasurer, Alfred Hopkins, Wilts & Dorset Bank

Relieving Officer & Vaccination Officer for the Union,

Thomas Hall Woodford, Castle street

Medical Officers & Public Vaccinators, No. 1 district, Francis Burchett Rutter M.D., B.S. Dewes house, Mere; No. 2 district, Benjamin Pope Bartlett, Bourton, Dorset

Superintendent Registrar, John Thomas Humby, Church street, Mere; deputy, Walter R. Clarke, Castle street Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Thomas Half Woodford, Castle street; deputy, William T. Edmunds, Castle street

Workhouse, Castle street, a building of stone, built about 1839, to hold 150 inmates; Walter R. Clarke, master; Mrs. Mabel Clarke, matron

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 & 3rd sundays of month after morning prayer, & all sundays at 8 a.m. & holy days 10 a.m

St. Matthew's Church, Rev. John Augustus Lloyd M.A. vicar; 2.30 & 6.30 p.m. every sunday; holy communion. 1st sun. 10 a.m

of North Coker, Somerset, the trustees of the Society of Friends' Meeting House; 10.30 a.m. & 6.15 p.m.