

Turner W. & E. Limited, boot makers, 137 High street
 Turner Elizabeth A. (Miss), fancy goods dealer, Bath rd
 Turner Henry Arthur (Mrs.), cycle agent, 142 High st
 Vowles William Henry, registrar of marriages & deputy registrar of births & deaths for Marlborough sub-district, 138 High street
 Watts Sarah (Mrs.), boot & shoe maker, 47 High street
 Waylen Elizabeth (Mrs.), town hall keeper, 13 St. Martin's
 Webber Edwin Herbert, butcher, 11 London road

Wheeler Albert George, coal dealer, Salisbury road
 Whitby William, draper, 145 High street
 Wild Rachel (Miss), shopkeeper, 38 Kingsbury street
 Williams Agnes Edith (Miss), dress ma. 29 Kingsbury st
 Williamson Thomas, Cricketers' inn, 27 Kingsbury street
 Wilts, Berks & Hants County Paper & Marlborough Times (Herbert George Perkins, proprietor; published Friday), 29 High street
 Woodham John, basket maker, 82 High street

MARSTON, see Worton.

MARSTON MAISEY (or Meysey) is a parish near the Thames and Severn canal, on the Gloucestershire border, 3 miles north-east from Cricklade station on the Midland and South Western Junction railway, in the Northern division of the county, hundred of Highworth, petty sessional division of Cricklade, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett union, county court district of Cirencester, rural deanery of Fairford, archdeaconry of Cirencester and diocese of Gloucester. The church of St. James, consecrated in 1876, is a building of stone, in the Early English style, consisting of a chancel and nave: the east and west windows are stained, and there are 120 sittings. The first entry in the register is in the year 1742, the previous register being included in that of Meysey Hampton. The living is a vicarage, yearly value £56, arising from 25 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the rector of Meysey Hampton, and held since 1912 by the Rev. Ralph Walker M.A. of Trinity College, Dublin. The charities amount to £10 yearly, and are distributed to the second poor of the parish. Marston Hill is the residence of Frederic

Pocock Bulley esq. J.P. Capt. Samuel Frank Alderson Archer, who is lord of the manor, and F. P. Bulley esq. J.P. are the principal landowners. The soil is gravel; subsoil, gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley and roots and pasture land. The area is 1,325 acres of land and 10 of water; rateable value, £1,553; the population in 1911 was 199.

Parish Clerk, William Dubber.

Post Office.—Mrs. Ellen Watts, sub-postmistress. Letters through Swindon arrive at 7.50 a.m. & 4.15 p.m.; dispatched 7.50 a.m. & 7 p.m. The nearest money order office is at Kempsford, 3 miles distant & the nearest telegraph office is at Down Ampney, 1½ miles distant

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1876, for 40 children; it has a small endowment derived from the rents of three cottages; Miss Isabella Coles, mistress

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

County Police Station, Sidney E. Hatchman, constable

Marked thus * receive letters thro' Fairford, Glos.

*Bulley Fredc. Pocock J.P. Marston hl
 Mitchell Mathew. The Villa
 Sparrow John, The Laurels
 Walker Rev. Ralph M.A. (vicar), Vicarage

COMMERCIAL.

Akers John William, baker
 Barton Rt. Jn. cowkeeper, Manor cot
 Booth Ernest, Three Magpies P.H
 Cleaverley Albert, Spotted Cow P.H

Cox Walter, house thatcher
 Hewer Reginald T. farmer, Manor fm
 *Rickards John, farmer, Furzey hill
 *Sparrow David, frmr. Marsh Hill frm
 Trinder Henry, shopkeeper
 Watts Walter James, upholsterer

SOUTH MARSTON, on the Berkshire border of the 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 county court district and petty sessional division, Swindon and Highworth union, rural deanery of Cricklade, archdeaconry of North Wilts 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 £150, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and is at present (1915) vacant. The vicarage was built and presented by Miss Bell. There is a Wesleyan chapel. The trustees of the late Miss Bell, John Ashfordby-Trenchard esq. and Sir Frederick G. Banbury bart. M.P. are the principal landowners. The soil is clay; subsoil, stone brash. The land is principally in pasture. The area is 1,911 acres; rateable value, £11,450; the population in 1911 was 387.

Rowborough, a Roman settlement, is 1 mile south-east.

Post Office.—John Crook Peapell, sub-postmaster. Letters from Swindon arrive at 7 a.m. & 3.5 p.m.; sundays, 8 a.m.; dispatched at 7.10 p.m.; sundays at 8 a.m. Stratton St. Margaret, 2 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office

Wall Letter Box, Lower Marston, cleared at 7.40 p.m

Elementary School (mixed), erected in 1873, at the cost of A. Bell esq. for 80 children, & enlarged by Miss Bell in 1895, for 99; Miss Annie Cross, mistress

Fuller Mrs. Manor house
 Sharps Mrs. Yew Tree house
 Williams Alfred, Dryden cottage
 COMMERCIAL.
 Banwell Edwin, farmer, Huntscoppice
 Beasley John, beer retailer
 Collingbourne Bernard James, farmer
 Collins Jn. Hy. frmr. Quarry Fern frm

Greenaway Arthur, farmer, Home frm
 Greenaway William Francis, farmer
 Jeeves Charles Edward, farmer
 Jefferies Walt. Edwd. dairy farmer
 Lewis Ernest David, farmer
 Ody Frances Annie (Mrs.), farmer
 Parsons Agnes (Mrs.), farmer, Bur-ton Grove farm

Peapell John Crook, grocer, & post off
 Poole Frederick Charles, farmer
 Snook Albert, assistant overseer & farmer, The Priory
 Tayler Sidney Rt. frmr. Bowboro' frm
 Tilling John, Carriers' Arms P.H
 Wildern Frederick George, farmer, Marston farm

MARTIN is a parish formerly in Wiltshire, but by the "Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation

(No. 12) Act, 1895," it has been transferred to Hampshire.

MELCHET PARK is a parish formerly in this county, but transferred to Hampshire by the "Local

Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1895."

MELKSHAM

MELKSHAM is a market and county court town, and head of a petty sessional division and civil 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-south-east from Corsham, in the Western division of the county, hundred of the same name, Trowbridge and Melksham union, 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 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 1½ miles southward joins the Kennet and Avon canal, but is not now navigable.

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 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 35½ 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 west window was the gift, in 1899, of Mr. George White, who also gave the six clerestory windows in 1910: in 1903 a memorial window was placed in the aisle to those parishioners who fell during the campaign in South Africa, 1899-1902: the organ was rebuilt in 1903, and an oak screen fitted at the west end: in 1907 a handsome alabaster font was provided: there are 600 sittings. The register dates from the year 1560. The living is a vicarage, net income £571, 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, hon. canon of Salisbury, and surrogate. St. Andrew's church, about 1 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, and consists of chancel, nave, south porch, and a western turret containing one bell: the reredos was erected in memory of Ralph L. Lopes esq. D.L., J.P.: the east window is stained and there are windows to the memory of Mrs. and Miss Lopes, Sir Massey Lopes, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Grist and Mrs. Tottenham: there are 200 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 Particular Baptist chapel, Union street, erected in 1835, will seat 150 persons. The Baptist chapel, Forest, erected in 1839, has seats for 150 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 sittings, and that in Semington lane, built in 1896, will seat 100.

There is a non-sectarian chapel at Sandridge.

The Town Hall, now the property of Charles S. Awdry esq. was erected in 1847 by a company of shareholders at an expense of £3,350, and is 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 structure 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 mattings, mats, rope, twine, and sacking is also carried on here.

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 10 beds and 1 cot.

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. who is lord of the manor, Mrs. Ludlow-Bruges, Field-Marshal Lord Methuen G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.M.G. Hon. Mrs. George Lopes and Charles Selwyn Awdry esq. of East Lavington Manor House.

The area of Melksham Within civil parish and Urban District is 625 acres of land and 11 of water; in September, 1914, 149 acres of land were taken in from Melksham Without; rateable value, £13,570; the population in 1911 was 3,101.

The population of the ecclesiastical parish in 1911 was 4,949.

The area of Melksham Without civil parish is 7,745 acres of land and 46 of water; rateable value, £15,950; the population in 1911 was 2,614.

The parish was originally divided into 7 tithings, Shaw and Whitley, Beanacre, Blackmore, Woolmore, Canhold, Woodrow, and the town tithing.

BEANACRE is a tithing, 1 mile north-west. Here is the mission church of St. Barnabas, built in 1887, and having 100 sittings; and a Baptist chapel, erected in 1839. BLACKMORE, 1 mile south-east, is also a tithing, and here is a mission church.

OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS &c.

Post, M. O. & T. O. & Telephonic Express Delivery Office, High street.—Frederick Smart, postmaster
Dispatch of Letters.—Day mail, 9.15 & 11.10 a.m. & 2.25, 4.45, 6.55, 8.15 & 9.15 p.m.; sundays, 9.15 p.m.
Delivery of Letters.—7, 9.30 & 10 a.m. & 12.30 & 6.30 p.m.; sundays, 7 a.m.

Town Sub-Post & M. O. Office, Bath road.—W. Crook, sub-postmaster. Box cleared 6.25, 8.55 & 10.50 a.m. & 2.10, 5.25 & 8.45 p.m. week days only

Post Office, Beanacre.—Mrs. Christiana Edwards, sub-postmistress. Letters arrive through Melksham 7 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.; sundays, 9.30 a.m. Box cleared 10.15 a.m. & 7.15 p.m.; sundays, 10.15 a.m. Melksham is the nearest telegraph & money order office, 1½ miles distant

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Meetings held at the Council office, Spa road, the first Friday in every month at 7 p.m.

Members.

Chairman, George Stratton.

Vice-Chairman, Fred Raines.

Retire in April, 1916.

Thomas Alfred Kelson | F. Thomas Swanborough
Charles William Maggs | Herbert William Tayler

Retire in April, 1917.

Frederick H. Knee | Tom Scott
Fred Raines | George Stratton

Retire in April, 1918.

Henry Davis | William Henry House
Charles Ferris | Henry Sawtell

Officers.

Clerk, Alexander Gough Smith, Spa road
Treasurer, Gilbert W. Harding, Lloyds Bank Limited, Market place
Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. & F.R.C.S. Edin. The Limes
Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, Ralph Parnell Pearce, Bath road
Collector, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

COUNTY MAGISTRATES FOR MELKSHAM DIVISION.

Stancomb John Frederick M.A., D.L. Shaw house, Melksham, chairman
Bell William Heward F.S.A., F.G.S., D.L. Cleve house, Seend, Melksham
Blathwayt George W. W. Melksham house, Melksham
Fuller Robert Fleetwood, Neston park, Corsham
Keir William Ingram F.R.C.S. The Limes, Melksham
Rumboll Charles Frederick M.D., D.L. Lowbourne house, Lowbourne, Melksham

Sawtell Henry, The Chestnuts, Beanacre rd. Melksham
 Stratton Alfred, Craycroft, Spa road, Melksham
 The chairman, for the time being, of the Melksham Rural District Council is an ex-officio magistrate
 Clerk to the Magistrates, Alan Montague Smith, Spa road
 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

MELKSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The parishes in the District are the same as in the Union, with the exception of Melksham Within.
 Area, 13,792 acres; population in 1911, 4,979
 Council meets at the Board room, Semington, every fourth wednesday, at 12.30 p.m.
 Chairman, W. Heward Bell D.L., J.P. Seend, Melksham

Officials.

Clerk, Ernest A. Newth, Trowbridge
 Treasurer, John C. Woods, Capital & Counties Bank, Trowbridge
 Medical Officer of Health, William Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. & F.R.C.S. Edin. The Limes, Melksham
 Sanitary Inspector & District Surveyor, Frank Usher Greenhill, King street

POLICE.

Police Station, Market place, John Eeles, inspector
 The police force consists of an inspector & 7 constables, placed as follows:—An inspector & 2 constables at Melksham, & a constable each at Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest, Semington & Seend

PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS.

County Court, His Honor A. Gwynne James LL.B. 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, Charles Henry King, 26 Baldwin street, Bristol, official receiver; William Ormiston, assistant official receiver
 Cottage Hospital, William Ingram Keir F.R.C.S. Edin. Charles Frederic Rumbold M.D., B.S. Thomas Wood Locket M.A., M.B., B.C. Ivan Cochrane Keir M.D., B.Ch. & C. J. E. Bennett M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.P.H.R.C.P.S. Lond. hon. medical officers; Charles William Maggs, hon. sec
 New Hall, Market place, William Harris, caretaker
 Town Hall, Charles George Moule, sec. Market place
 Volunteer Fire Brigade, Market yard; keys kept at Police station & at Joseph Jones's, Lowbourne; Henry Jones, Lowbourne, captain

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Assistant Overseer, Frank Usher Greenhill, Beanacre rd
 Certifying Factory Surgeon, Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator, Nos. 4 & 5 districts, Trowbridge & Melksham Union, Wm. Ingram Keir L.R.C.P. & F.R.C.S. Edin. The Limes, Melksham
 Clerk to Land Tax Commissioners & Clerk to Commissioners of Property Tax for Melksham division, Charles George Moule, Lowbourne
 Collector of Poores Rates, Luther William Dancey, Beanacre
 Customs & Excise Officer, Robert J. M. Davies, Box
 Distributor of Stamps, Frederick Smart, High street
 Inspector of Weights & Measures for the Southern district, William Nelson, Trowbridge
 Medical Officer, No. 3 district, Trowbridge & Melksham Union, Charles Frederic Rumbold M.D. Lowbourne house, Lowbourne

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Angel Arthur A. Mulberry cottage, Church street
 Angell Geo. Clovelly, Sandridge road
 Archard George H. Forestcroft, Sandridge road
 Baily Misses, Thornbank, King street
 Bartlett Rev. Lindsay L.Th. (curate), Canon square

Barton F. Belmont, Spa road
 Bennett Claude Jn. Eddowes, Place rd
 Bigwood Albert Edward, The Gables, Sandridge road
 Bigwood Lewin John, Formosa, Spa rd
 Bird Samuel, Avon villa, Beanacre rd
 Blake John Heritage J.P. Beechfield, Beanacre

Blathwayt George Wm. Wynter J.P. Melksham house
 Bolwell Edward, King street
 Bosworth Chas. Rood, Church la. Forest
 Breach Miss, Elmhurst, Spa road
 Bridgeman Walt. E. Coburg pl. Spa rd
 Bruckshaw Alfred, South vw. Bath rd
 Bruges Miss, Elmleigh, Sandridge rd
 Bryant Mrs. Coburg place, Spa road

Registrar of Births & Deaths, Melksham sub-district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Arthur Angel, Church street; deputy, Alan M. Smith, Spa road
 Registrar of Marriages, Albert Edward Bigwood, Sandridge road
 Relieving Officer & Collector to the Guardians, No 2 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Samuel Homan, Trowbridge
 Town Crier, Walter Knee, Union street

PLACES OF WORSHIP, with times of Services.

St. Michael's Church, Church street, Rev. Canon Edwin George Wyld B.A. vicar; the Rev. Lindsay Bartlett L.Th. & the Rev. Henry John Webb L.Th. curates; sundays, morning prayer, 11 a.m.; evening, 6.30 p.m.; daily prayer, 10 a.m.; evensong, 6 p.m.; holy communion, 1st sunday at 8 & 11 a.m.; 2nd, 3rd & 4th at 8 a.m.; last at 7 & 8 a.m. & festivals, 7, 8 & 11 a.m.
 St. Andrew's Church, Forest, served from St. Michael's church; 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; holy communion, 2nd sunday 11 a.m. & 4th 8 a.m.
 St. Barnabas Church, Beanacre, served from St. Michael's church; 6.15 p.m.; 3rd sunday 11 a.m.; holy communion, 1st sunday at 8 a.m. & 3rd sunday at 11 a.m. service
 St. Andrew Mission Chapel, Blackmore
 Friends' Meeting House, King street; clerk to the meeting, Edward T. Simpson; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 Baptist, Broughton road, Rev. Albert Sadler; 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.; wed. 7 p.m.
 Congregational, Market place, Rev. William John Farr; 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7.15 p.m.
 Primitive Methodist, Forest (Calne Circuit), Rev. Joseph Harper, supernumerary; 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7 p.m.
 Salvation Army, 6.30 p.m.
 Wesleyan, Market place (Wiltshire Mission); 10.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; thurs. 7.30 p.m.
 Wesleyan, Semington lane (Wiltshire Mission); 6 p.m.

Rev. Finlay Mackenzie

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Melksham, Church street. 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 girls & will hold 200; girls & infants, 300; William Henry House, master; Miss Harriet Godwin, mistress; Mrs. B. Genders, infants' mistress
 Sandridge & Forest (mixed), with residence for mistress, built in 1874, for 100 children; Miss Juliette Morgan, mistress
 Lowbourne (mixed & infants), built in 1829, for 300 children; Frederick J. Watkins, master; Miss Clara Mills, infants' mistress

RAILWAY.

Great Western Station, Bath road, Edwin Charles Beard, station master; Sidney C. Burt, goods agent; Henry Gibbs, parcels agent
 Omnibus to & from the 'King's Arms,' to meet the arrival & departure of the trains
 Motor Omnibus, Bath & Devizes.—The Bath Electric Tramway Co. Limited, during the summer months

CARRIERS.

Bath—Edward Gibbs, from the Market place, at 8.30 a.m. every wed. & sat. returning same days, & during the summer the Bath Electric Tramway Co. Ltd. motor 'buses daily
 Devizes—Edward Gibbs, from the Market place, 9.15 a.m. on thurs. returning same day, & during the summer the Bath Electric Tramway Co. Limited, motor 'buses daily
 London & all parts (by rail)—Great Western Railway Company, station, Bath road

Burbidge Walter S. Church walk	Kelson Thos. A. Collingwood, Spa rd	Rawlett John Thomas, Cresswell, Sandridge road
Bush James Edward, The Cabin, Market place	Knee Fdk. Hy. Sunnyside, Sandridge rd	Reid James, Lynton, Spa road
Carpenter Misses, Canon square	Knee Henry Nelson, Forest road	Roy William, Bowden vw. Beanacre rd
Chandler Henry John, Bank house, Bank street	Lee Edwin John, Martigny ho. Spa rd	Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., V.D., D.L., J.P. Lowbourn ho. Lowbourn
Churcher Mrs. Fernleigh, Sandridge rd	Little William, Coburg place	Sadler Rev. Albt. (Bapt.), Beanacre rd
Clark George, Bath road	Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, Tilly-whim, Beanacre	Sawtell Henry J.P. The Chestnuts, Beanacre road
Clark Mrs. Canon square	Locket Thomas Wood M.A., M.B., B.Ch. Inglewood, Place road	Selfe Fredk. Cadleys, Sandridge road
Clatworthy Alfred Henry, Avonhurst, Sandridge road	Lockhart Mrs. Alexander, The Walnuts, Beanacre	Selman Thomas Robert, West end
Colbourne Nelson, Kingston lodge, Forest road	Lopes Hon. Mrs. Geo. Sandridge park	Singer Mrs. Market place
Collett Mrs. Bower hill	Ludlow-Bruges Mrs. Sandridge cottage, Sandridge	Smith Alexander Gough, Thornleigh, Spa road
Collett Mrs. C. La-Chasse, Sandridge rd	McEwen John, Highfield, Lowbourn	Spackman William, Spa road
Coombe Joseph, Place road	Mackenzie Rev. Finlay (Wesleyan), Leon house, West end	Stevens Miss, Forest lo. Sandridge rd
Coombe Mrs. Forest vil. Lowbourn	Maggs Charles William, Agra, Spa rd	Stewart Mrs. Noel villa, Spa road
Dixon Robert H. Bath road	Maggs Mrs. Bowerhill lo. Bowerhill la	Stratton Alfd. J.P. Cray croft, Spa rd
Dowse James J. West end	Manning Arthur Herbert, High street	Stratton Arthur D. Canewdon, Sandridge road
Farr Rev. William John (Congregational), Sandridge road	Manning Henry John, Shurnhold	Stratton George, Giffords, Lowbourn
Ferris Jas. Whitcomb, Sandridge rd	Marley Duncan, The Briars, Sandridge road	Stratton Misses, Leaze cottage
Flocks Misses, Place road	Marsland Mrs. St. Swithin's, Canhold	Swanborough Fdk. T. Oakwood, Spa rd
Glass Miss, West end	Matravers Mrs. Lowbourn	Taylor Herbert William, The Island
Gowen Mrs. Spa road	Matthews Alfred, Church street	Taylor John, Spa road
Green Mrs. 1 Alpine vils. Lowbourn	Miller John, Beanacre road	Usher James, Limes villa, Spa road
Harding Gilbert W. Bank ho. Market pl	Mills Thomas, Manoria, Market pl	Watkins Frederick J. H. Kingswood, Sandridge road
Harper Rev. Joseph (Primitive Methodist), Forest	Milne Benjamin, Beanacre road	Watson Thomas Truman. The Spa
Hayter Charles, High street	Moore Edwd. The Croft, Beanacre rd	Webb Rev. Henry Jn. L.Th. (curate), Canon square
Hughes Ernest James, Place road	Moule Charles George, Lowbourn	White Henry J. Hillside, Spa road
Hurn Albert, Rowley, Lowbourn	Palmer Everett King, 3 Coburg pl. Spa road	Wilkinson Miss, St. Andrew's villas, Lowbourn
Hurn Albert George, Cranbourne, Sandridge road	Philip W. Littlejohn J.P. Strathavon, Bath road	Worth Thomas, Sandridge road
Hurn Walter, Maple croft, Lowbourn	Pike Mrs. Omega, Spa road	Wyld Rev. Canon Edwin George B.A. (vicar & surrogate), The Vicarage
Hutton Geo. Woodrow ho. Woodrow	Platt Owen, Bath road	York George R. West end
Keevil Edward, Forest house, Forest	Pocock Mrs. 2 Alpine vils. Lowbourn	
Keir William Ingram L.R.C.P. Edin., J.P. The Limes	Pritchard Miss, Semington road	

COMMERCIAL.

Early closing day, Wednesday.

Abbott Henry, rope maker, Bank street	Chandler Henry John. manager Capital & Counties Bank, Bank street
Alford Elihu Charles J. colonial butcher, Lowbourn	Cleverley William J. cycle agent, Market place
Angel Arthur, sexton, & registrar of births & deaths Melksham sub-district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Church street	Colbourne Frederick, plasterer, Lowbourn
Annal Henry Sinclair, chemist & druggist, Bank street	Colbourne Juliet (Mrs.), private school, West end
Archard George Howard, see Norris & Archard	Compton James, solicitor (firm, Beaven & Compton)
Arter Benjamin D. fishmonger, King street	Cook William Shadwell, George inn, Bank street
Arthur Charles Perkins, painter &c. Market place	Coombe Albert & Son, ginger beer makers &c. The Ark, Bath road
Avon India Rubber Co. Limited, manufacturers of rubber tyres & goods, The Factory	Cooper Albert, beer retailer, King street
Batten Kevern L.D.S. dentist (attends sats. 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.), High street	Cooper Joseph, coal dealer, King street
Beaven & Compton, solicitors, Lowbourn	Cottle Charles Richard, farmer, Woodrow
Bennett Claude John Eddowes M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.P.H.R.C.P.S. Lond. (firm, Locket, Bond & Bennett), physician & surgeon, Place road	Cottle Frederick, farmer, Craysmarsh
Bevan E. R. & Co. drapers & outfitters, Bank street	Cottle William James, house agent, Bank street
Bigwood & Co. builders, Spa road	County Court (Alex. Gough Smith, registrar), Spa rd
Bigwood Albt. Edwd. registrar of marriages, Sandridge rd	Crocker Evangeline (Mrs.), nurse, King street
Bigwood Alice (Miss), milliner, Market place	Crook C. & Sons, dairymen, Shurnhold
Bigwood Lewin John , general, furnishing & builders' ironmonger, gasfitter, plumber, blacksmith, tinplate worker & agricultural implement agent & repairer, High street. T N 14 Melksham	Crook Charles & Sons , road & asphalt contractors, Shurnhold
Bird Samuel & Harry, farmers, Lower Half Way farm	Crook Joseph & Sons, contractors, New Broughton road
Boddington James, hair dresser, Bath road	Crook Alfred, farmer, Beanacre
Bolwell William, printer, Lowbourn	Crook Arthur Charles, farmer, Forest
Bowyer, Philpott & Payne Ltd. bacon curers, High st	Crook Mark, farmer, New Broughton road
Bristol Clothing Co. (Percy Edginton, proprietor), outfitters, Bank street	Crook Walter John, grocer, & sub-post office, Bath road
Brooke Edwin Baily, farmer, Sandridge	Dallimore Mary (Mrs.), apartments, New Broughton rd
Brooke George Alexander, haulier, Semington lane	Dancey Luther William, collector of taxes for Melksham, Beanacre
Brown John, haulier, Canal wharf; postal address, Semington, Trowbridge	Davis George & Son. builders, Canhold
Bull Arthur Wm. artificial teeth maker, Market place	Day Arnold & Co. outfitters, Market place
Burbidge George, commission agent, Church walk	Day George E. tailor, Canon square
Burry Henry, farmer, Woodrow farm	Deverell Alice (Mrs.), costumier, Market place
Bush James Edward, dental surgery, Market place	Diffey Frederick B. furniture dealer, King street
Butt George, ladies' tailor, High street	Dix Edward, shopkeeper, King street
Caddy James, boot repairer, Bath road	Dixon R. H. & Son, boot makers, High street
Canning James, poulterer &c. Forest road	Dowdney William Henry, harness maker, Market place
Capital & Counties Bank Limited (branch) (Henry John Chandler, manager) (open daily, 10 to 3; sat. 9.30 to 12.30), Bank street; draw on head office, 39 Threadneedle street, London E C	Drew Louisa (Mrs.), farmer, Southbrook farm
Carpenter Maud (Mrs.), dress maker, Union street	Earle Joseph, carpenter, King street
Chandler & Co. fishmongers, Bank street	Eastmans Ltd. butchers, King street
	Edwards Christiana (Mrs.), shopkeeper & sub-post-mistress, Beanacre
	Eeles John, inspector of police, Market place
	Ellis William, farmer, Bower hill
	England Arthur Percy, beer retailer, City
	Escott Arthur J. poulterer &c. Bower hill
	Fennell Albert, grocer & farmer, Sandridge lane; postal address, Chippenham
	Fennell John, farmer, Wilds farm, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)
	Ferris Charles, plasterer, Forest
	Fire Engine Station (Henry Jones, capt.), Market yard
	Fisher Herbert J. ironmonger, Bank street

Flocks & Manning, family & commercial stationers, news agents, booksellers, librarians, silversmiths, fancy soaps & toilet requisites, toys & games; agents for Goss heraldic china; cash discount checks given, High street. T N 11 Melksham

Flocks & Manning, old family wine & spirit merchants (established 1824); bottled & cask ales, cider & perry; tobacco & cigars, High street. T N 11 Melksham

Freemasons' (Chaloner) Lodge, No. 2,644 (E. J. Lee, sec)

Fricke Arthur E. coach builder, Spa road

Fry John, farmer, Queenfield

Fuller Thomas, apartments, Union street

Gas Light & Coke Co. Lim. (Wm. Budd, sec. & mgr.), Bath rd

Gerrish Ada Mary (Mrs.), watch & clock ma. High st

Gerrish Albert, gasfitter, King street

Gerrish Kate (Miss), dress maker, King street

Gibbs Edward, carrier, Market place

Gibbs Harry O. motor engineer, Market place

Gibbs Henry, King's Arms hotel, Market place

Gibbs Joseph, Bell inn, Bath road

Godfrey Arthur William, butcher, High street

Golledge Frederick J. farmer, King street

Gowen Frank (Mrs.), draper, High street

Gowing & Son, grocers, 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 & assistant overseer for Melksham Within, Beanacre road

Gregory Ernest, market gardener, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)

Gregory Harry E. hair dresser, Church street

Gregory Israel, market gardener, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)

Guardians' Girls' Home (Miss Caroline Sarah Stratton, matron), King street

Haines Jerry George, farmer, Forest

Hancock Emily (Mrs.), dress maker, Bath road

Hancock John, teacher of music, Bath road

Harding Gilbert W. manager Lloyds Bank Limited & treasurer to the Urban District Council, Market place

Harris George, The Grapes P.H. Bank street

Harrold Brothers, bakers, Bath road

Harrold Charles, baker, Forest

Harrold John, market gardener, Canhold

Hawkins Fredk. farm bailiff to Mr. Jas. Giles, Queenfield

Hayter Charles, tailor for ladies & gentlemen; spécialité, walking & riding breeches, High street. T N 15 Melksham

Hayward Edwin, farmer, Sandridge farm, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)

Hayward Frank, hair dresser, Market place

Hayward William, farmer, Blackmore

High School for Boys (The) (Arthur William Gosnell M.A. Christ's Coll. Camb. head master), Semington road

Hill Frederick, baker, Union street

Hill John Marcus, butcher, Church street

Holloway & Fogg, architects (attend tues.), High street

Holloway William, farmer, Snarlton lane

Hughes Ernest James M.P.S. chemist & druggist; surgical & invalid requisites supplied; patent & cattle medicine vendor; district agent Kodak Limited; all photographic materials stocked, Market place. T N 19 Melksham

Hunt William Henry, farmer, Outmarsh farm, Semington road (postal address, Trowbridge)

Hurn Brothers, timber merchants, The Ark, Bath rd.; saw mills, Melksham station

Hurn John, shopkeeper, Lowbourne

Hutton Alfred, farmer, Woodrow

International Tea Co.'s Stores Ltd. (The), Market place

Jarvis John E. shopkeeper, King street

Jones Joseph & Son, smiths, Spa road

Jones James, grocer &c. Forest

Jordan George, shopkeeper, City

Keen Jesse S. boot dealer, Bath road

Keevil Frederick P. farmer, Beanacre farm, Beanacre

Keil John, beer retailer, Beanacre

Keir, Rumboll & Keir, physicians & surgeons

Keir Ivan Cochrane M.D., B.Ch.Edin., D.P.H.Oxon. (firm. Keir, Rumboll & Keir), physician & surgeon; surgery, Bath road

Keir William Ingram L.R.C.P. & F.R.C.S.Edin. (firm. Keir, Rumboll & Keir), 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, corn & flour dealer, Church st

Knee H. J. Ltd. ironmongers, High street. T N 38

Knee Albert John, sign painter, Union street

Knee William Charles, watch maker &c. Bank street

Le May Henry C. confectioner, Bath road

Little Thomas, chimney sweep, King street

Lloyds Bank Limited (branch) (Gilbert W. Harding, manager), Market place (open daily, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; sat. 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.); draw on London head office, 71 Lombard street E C

Lock E. & Son, boot makers, High street

Lock Henry John, carpenter, Bath road

Locke Ernest Dalton Burrough, solicitor & commissioner to administer oaths, High street

Locket, Bond & Bennett, physicians & surgeons, Place road

Locket Thomas Wood M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab. physician & surgeon (firm, Locket, Bond & Bennett), Inglewood, Place road

London Central Meat Co. Limited, High street

Long Albert, farmer, Bower hill

Loveridge Walter W. coal & builders' merchant, Bath rd

Lucas Kate (Mrs.) L.O.S. midwife, King street

Maggs C. W. & Co. (Melksham) Limited, hempen wrks, Spa road

Manning Arthur & Co. house furnishers, cabinet makers, upholsterers, ironmongers, china, glass & earthenware dealers, drapers, undertakers, tailors, outfitters & ladies' costumiers, Lowbourne. T N 11 Melksham

Manning Arth. Herbt. draper &c. see Flocks & Manning

Maslen George, photographer, Church street

Maslen Jane (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Church street

Mattingly George & Son, saddlers, Bank street

Mears Walter, carpenter, Market place

Mees William Joseph, nurseryman, Canon square

Melksham Agricultural Society (J. A. Coombe, hon. sec)

Melksham Constitutional Working Men's Club (R. B. Knight, sec.), Bank street

Melksham Cottage Hospital (Henry John Chandler, treasurer; Charles William Maggs, hon. sec.; Miss Lucy E. Way, matron), Bank street

Melksham & District Poultry Society Limited (F. Le May, sec.), Bath road

Melksham Electric Supply Co. Limited, High street

Melksham Liberal Club (William E. Sweet, hon. sec.), Bank street

Melksham Picture Hall (A. Douglas Melvin, manager), High street

Melksham Working Men's Club (Hy. Davis, sec.), King st

Miller Caroline Elizh. (Mrs.), temperance hotel, Bath rd

Miller George Henry, cabinet maker, Bath road

Minns Charles, mechanical engineer, Forest

Mitchell Wm. farmer, Manor farm, Beanacre

Moore Ada (Miss), dining roms, High street

Mortimer Clara (Miss), dress maker, King street

Moule Charles George, clerk to the income & land tax commissioners, Lowbourne

Mutual Improvement Society (H. Knee, sec.), Reading rooms, Bank street

Nelson William, inspector of weights & measures & under the Sale of Food & Drugs Acts, Bread Act, Wilts Coal Bye-Law No. 4, Poisons & Pharmacy Act, Shops Act & Butter & Margarine Act for the Northern District, Weights & Measures office

New Hall (William Harris, Watson's court, caretaker), Market place

Norris & Archard, grocers, Church street

Nowell Albert E. hair dresser, Bath road

Ogle Charles Henry, teacher of music, Church street

Overton Edward, farmer, West End farm

Parfitt Thomas, baker, City

Pearce Ralph Parnell, surveyor & sanitary inspector to the Urban District Council, Bath road

Penny William Andrews, Unicorn P.H. Bath road

Perrett Bertrand C. photographer, Bank street

Perrett William, grocer, High street

Petty William, blacksmith, King street

Pickford Henry, farmer, Westlands

Poulson Charles William, butcher, High street

Pound Charles, shopkeeper, Beanacre

Read Eva & Susie (Misses), dress makers, Bath road

Reading Rooms (H. Knee, jun. hon. sec.), Bank street

Reeves Frank & Son, plumbers, painters &c. Bath road

Richards Albert, fried fish dealer, Church street

Richards Fred, farmer, Semington road

Richards Walter, carpenter, Blackmore

Richards William, metal merchant, King street

Riddick William, photographer, Bath road

Roberts George, bacon curer, Bank street

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

Rogers G. & Co. house furnishers, Bath road

Rood Ashton Gardens Dépôt, fruiterers, Lowbourne

Rowlett John Thomas, grocer, Market place

Rumboll Charles Frederic M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S.Eng. (firm, Keir, Rumboll & Keir), surgeon, & medical officer, No. 3 district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, & district medical officer to the G. P. O. Lowbourn house, Lowbourn

Sawtell B. & Sons Limited, wholesale feather purifiers Old Broughton road

Sawyer William, farmer, Halfway, Beanacre

Scott T. & Son, painters, Union street

Scott Edward, draper, Bath road

Sheate James R. farmer, Bower hill

Sheate William G. R. farmer, Blackmore

Skinner Henry, farmer, Beanacre

Smart E. Winifred (Miss), shopkeeper, Bank street

Smith W. H. & Son, stationers, High street

Smith Alan M. clerk to the magistrates for Melksham division & deputy registrar of births & deaths Melksham sub-district, Trowbridge & Melksham union, Spa 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 Alliance Insurance Co. Limited, Guardian Fire & Life Assurance Co. Norwich Union Assurance Association & Essex & Suffolk Insurance Co. Limited, Spa road. T N 22 Melksham

Smith Edith (Miss), private school, King street

Smith-Keen Jesse, boot maker, & county court bailiff, Bath road

Songhurst Abel, boot repairer, Church street

Spencer & Co. Limited, engineers, Beanacre road

Spencer Frederick, tailor, Union street

Spicer Edmund H. grocer, Bank street

Stephenson & Co. boot makers, Bath road

Stratton, Sons & Mead Limited, grocers, High street

Summers James, cattle dealer, King street

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

Taylor John, steam & water miller, Town mills

Taylor Walter Henry, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robinson, Taylor & Taylor

Taylor Walter James, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robinson, Taylor & Taylor

Theosophical Society, Bath road

Tilke Theodore William, mechanical engineer, High st

Tilley, Parry & Culverwell F.A.I. auctioneers, agricultural, hotel & general valuers, house & estate agents, insurance brokers & assessors, Place road; head office, Chippenham

Town Hall (Charles George Moule, sec.), Market place

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 water supply for the whole district is provided 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 8 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: 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. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £342, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1009 by the Rev. Francis Earle Trotman B.A. of Selwyn College, Cambridge. 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 the late Miss

Trowbridge Co-operative Industrial Provident Society (William G. Pyne, manager), Church street

Tylee W. J. & Son, jobmasters, Bath road

Tylee William J. Bear hotel, Bath road

Venton Frederick, cycle maker, Union street

Waight Edwin, house decorator, King street

Wall Herbert, Crown P.H. Market place

Wansbrough, Robinson, Tayler & Taylor, solicitors, Market place; attend tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

Wansbrough Henry Reginald, solicitor, see Wansbrough, Robinson, Tayler & Taylor

Ward Albert, shopkeeper, Bath road

Watson Henry, farmer, Rhotteridge farm, Woodrow

Watson James Mizen, dairyman, Forest

Watson John, farmer, Sandridge (postal address, Chippenham)

Webb Alfred, poulterer, Woodrow

Webb Amos, stone mason, Beanacre

Webb John, farmer, Semington road

Webb William E. fruiterer, High street

Webb William John, baker, Bank street

Webley Jesse, draper, Bank street

Wells Sidney, beer retailer, Forest

West Alfred, baker, High street

West Henry J. blacksmith, Old Broughton road

West of England Sack Hiring Co. Limited (Walter W. Loveridge, agent), Bath road

West Wilts Land & Building Co. (Frederick T. Lemay, agent), Beanacre road

Westgate King George, farmer, Bower hill

White Henry (Melksham) Limited, drapers, High street

Whittle James E. butcher, Bath road

Wilcox Annie Gould (Miss), coal merchant, Union street & Station yard

Wilcox Ellen (Miss), day school for girls & boys, Canon sq

Williams Harry J. insurance agent, West end

Williams John C. boot repairer, Church street

Williams Louisa (Mrs.), shopkeeper, Forest road

Wilts United Dairies Limited, New Broughton road

Wiltshire George, farmer, Hack farm

Wiltshire James, builder, Church street

Wiltshire William, beer retailer, Outmarsh, Semington (postal address, Trowbridge)

Winslow Martha (Mrs.) & Sons, farmers, Berryfield

Withy Albert, painter &c. West end

Woodward Charles H. printer, stationer, bookbinder, bookseller, fancy repository, lending library, advertising contractor & bill poster, Watson's court; & at Devizes

York David James, shopkeeper, Forest road

Chafyn 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 the late Charles Jupe esq.; there is also a Primitive Methodist chapel and one for the 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; 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 His late Majesty King Edward VII. then the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall. 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, 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 K.G. who is lord of the manor, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Troyte-Bullock D.L., J.P. George Hildvard Bankes esq. J.P. and A. B. White esq. J.P. 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