

COALEY, or Cowley, is a parish and picturesque village, 2 miles south-east from Coaley junction and 2 south-west from Frocester station on the Birmingham and Bristol section of the Midland railway, $2\frac{1}{2}$ north-east from Dursley, 12 south from Gloucester, $7\frac{1}{2}$ south-west from Stroud and 108 from London, in the Stroud division of the county, Berkeley hundred, Dursley union, petty sessional division and county court district, and in the rural deanery of Dursley and archdeaconry and diocese of Gloucester. The Birmingham and Bristol branch of the Midland railway passes through the parish. The church of St. Bartholomew is an edifice of stone, rebuilt (with the exception of the tower) in 1857, at a cost of £2,000, under the direction of Messrs. Jacques and Son, architects, in the Early English style; it consists of chancel, nave of five bays, north aisle, north porch and an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing a clock and 6 bells: the stained east window is a memorial to the Rev. W. J. Evans, vicar here 1883-1907: there are 300 sittings. The register dates from the year 1581. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £300, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Gloucester, and held since 1911 by the Rev. John Alexander Lindam, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury. Here is a Wesleyan chapel. "THE MOORS" is held by the Dursley Rural District Council as an Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases, at an annual rent

of £25, and has accommodation for six patients. There is an endowment of £38 12s. yearly for the repair of the church and the relief of the second poor of the parish. This charity, under the provisions of the "Local Government Act, 1894," has been apportioned by the Charity Commissioners as follows:—half for the repair of the church and half for the relief of the poor not in receipt of parish pay. Lord Fitzhardinge is lord of the manor and the chief landowner. The soil is gravelly and clayey; subsoil, gravel. The chief crops are wheat, barley and some land in pasture. The area is 2,498 acres; rateable value, £5,285; the population in 1911 was 673.

Dead Hill was transferred to Slimbridge under the "Divided Parishes Act, 1882."

Parish Clerk, Charles Cooper.

Post Office.—Mrs. Amelia Watts, sub-postmistress. Letters through Dursley; no delivery on Sunday. The nearest money order office is at Cam. The railway station is the nearest telegraph office for collection & Cam for delivery of telegrams, 2 miles distant. Wall Letter Boxes.—The Mills; Far Green & Coaley iron works.

Public Elementary School (mixed), built in 1864, & enlarged in 1901 & again in 1911, for 140 children; Henry Richard Caddy, master.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.

Bullock Mrs. Cyprus house
Lindam Rev. John Alexander (vicar),
Vicarage
Phillips William, Mill house
Smart Mrs. Green street
Smith Robert, Oatridge house

COMMERCIAL.

Adey Thomas Garfield, wheelwright
Camm Gerald, farmer, Knapp &
Pidgeon House farms
Curtis Harry, Swan P.H. & farmer,
Bridge farm
Curtis Richard, wheelwright
Dursley Rural District Isolation Hospital (Arthur Jas. Campbell M.D.,
B.Ch.Dub. medical officer; Mrs.
Hobbs, nurse), The Moors

Edwards Ellen (Miss), poultry farm
Edwards Frank, beer retailer
Gray George, farmer, Elmcoate farm
Griffiths Albert, haulier
Hadley Ernest, farmer, Ham farm
Hadley Raymond, farmer, Silver Street
Hancock James, farmer, Church farm
Hawkins Geo. & Thos. Fdk. farmers
Higgins Evan, farmer, Tickshill
Higgins William, Heart of Oak inn
Hill George Richard (Mrs.), farmer,
Betworthy farm
Hill Herbert, farmer, Lapley farm
Hill Richard Wm. farmer, Pinnells
End farm
Hobbs Reginald, farmer
Hobbs Wm. farmer, Silver Street ho
Lord William, gamekeeper to Earl
of Berkeley

Major William, wheelwright
Parker Geo. Grantley, frm. Leigh frm
Pegler Chas. beer retailer, Bristol rd
Pegler Samuel, butcher
Prout Fanny & Sons, farmers, Corner
farm
Prout Gilbert, farmer
Prout Herbert William, farmer
Prout Sidney, farmer, Elmcoate
Prout Wm. A. farmer, Silver St. frm
Smith Jas. Lusty, farmer, Field farm
Smith John, blacksmith
Thomas Leonard & Co. edge tool mfrs
Townsend Charles, cycle agent
Watts Amelia (Mrs.) & Austin,
grocers, Post office
Workman George, butter merchant &
assistant overseer
Young John, farmer

COALPIT HEATH is an ecclesiastical parish, including the hamlet of Nibley, formed April 29, 1845, from the parishes of Westerleigh and Frampton Cotterell, with a station on the main South Wales line of the Great Western railway; it is 2 miles south-west from Yate station on the Bristol and Birmingham section of the Midland railway and 4 west-by-south from Chipping Sodbury, in the Thornbury parliamentary division, petty sessional division of Lawford's Gate, Chipping Sodbury union and county court district, rural deanery of Bitton and archdeaconry and diocese of Bristol. The church of St. Saviour is a building of stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, south porch and a small western tower containing one bell: there are sittings for 400 persons,

all free. The register dates from the year 1845. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £200, with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1906 by the Rev. Ernest John Phillips M.A. of Pembroke College, Oxford. In this parish are extensive collieries. The principal landowners are the Hon. Mrs. Esmé Smyth, of Ashton Court, and Lord Boundway, of Roundway Park, Devizes, Wilts. The soil is clay. The chief crops are wheat, barley, oats and pasture. The population in 1911 was 1,813.

NIBLEY is a hamlet, 1 mile north, on the river Frome.

Sexton, Albert Williams.