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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, 21 north-east from Dursley, 12 south from Gloucester, 71 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 Weslevan chapel. "THE MOORS" is held by the Dursley Rural District Council as an Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases, at an annual rent

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., Hobbs Wm. farmer, Silver Street ho Workman George, butter merchant & B.Ch.Dub. medical officer; Mrs. Lord William, gamekeeper to Earl assistant overseer . . | of Berkeley Hobbs, nurse), The Moors

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 Sontaining one bell: there are sittings for 400 persons,

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 1001 & again in 1011, for 140 children; Henry Richard Caddy, master

Edwards Ellen (Miss), poultry farm Major William, wheelwright Edwards Frank, beer retailer -Parker Geo. Grantley, frmr. Leigh frm Pegler Chas. beer retailer, Bristol rd Grav George, farmer, Elmcote farm Griffiths Albert, haulier Pegler Samuel, butcher Prout Fanny & Sons, farmers, Corner Hadley Ernest, farmer, Ham farm Hadlev Raymond, farmer, Silver Street farm Hancock James, farmer, Church frm Prout Gilbert, farmer Hawkins Geo. & Thos. Fdk. farmers Prout Herbert William, farmer Higgins Evan, farmer, Tickshill Prout Sidney, farmer, Elmcote Prout Wm. A. farmer, Silver St. frm Higgins William, Heart of Oak inn Smith Jas. Lusty, farmer, Field farm Hill George Richard (Mrs.), farmer, Betworthy farm Smith John, blacksmith Hill Herbert, farmer, Lapley farm Thomas Leonard & Co. edge tool mfrs Hill Richard Wm. farmer, Pinnells Townsend Charles, cycle agent Watts Amelia (Mrs.) & Austin, End farm Hobbs Reginald, farmer grocers, Post office

Young John, farmer

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 Roundway, 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, I mile north, on the river Frome.

Sexton, Albert Williams.