

COLWALL'S MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN.

Unveiled by Mr J S Arkwright.

A very impressive ceremony took place on Sunday afternoon at Old Colwall Church, when a crucifix of Portland stone was unveiled to the memory of parishioner who fell during the War. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples (516 changes) was rung. The Rector of Colwall, Dr. C Harris DD. opened the service with the "Dead March of Saul" and Mr J S Arkwright, a former M.P. for Hereford City, read the lesson. After Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd", special prayers were offered.

Dr. Harris then gave a stirring address, in which he touched upon the magnificent courage of the men who volunteered for service without thought of anything but their country. He regretted that all was not well in England to-day. Religion was the only thing that could promote brotherhood and check selfishness or any tendency towards Bolshevism.

At the conclusion of the address, "The Supreme Sacrifice" , written by Mr John S Arkwright, and set to music by the Rector of Colwall was sung. Many women sobbed bitterly.

Headed by the Cross, the clergy (Dr. Harris and the Revd. D F Scotcher), Choir, Churchwardens Relatives of the departed Ex-Servicemen, Parish Council, Oddfellows and others proceeded to a plot of ground adjoining the Churchyard, in which the Memorial is placed.

Uttering the words "*In memory of those of this Parish who laid down their lives for their country, I unveil this memorial*" Mr. Arkwright released the strings and the covering drapery slowly fluttered to the ground. The names of the fallen were read out by the Rector and the Revd. D F Scotcher said the concluding prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Before the congregation dispersed, Mr. Arkwright alluded to the great struggle from which Britain had emerged with great credit but at great loss.

Mr F Ballard spoke of the sympathy all felt for relatives of the fallen, and said they should remember what the great sacrifice was meant for - a better world and greater understanding.

Thirteen of the fifteen members of the Parish Council (one seat being vacant and Miss Holland away from home) were present. They were Messrs. F Ballard (Chairman), T A Pedlingham (Chairman of the Parochial Committee), H W Allen, R O Allen (Vice Chairman), H W Allen, J Armstrong, D A G Birchley, T D Boxon, W H Grundy, J Pedlingham, S H Robertson, C Thomas and W Webb, and A J Kitson (District Councillor).