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THE BELL FOUNDRY,
LOUGHBOROUGH,
ENG.

4 January 1955

5165 Dear Mr. Crook,

Deane Church - Bells.

I have carefully considered your letter of the 2nd inst. I think the best way of dealing with your criticism and suggestions will be for Walker to come back again accompanied by our Mr. Fidler and carry out adjustments as far as may be practicable of the positions of the bellropes in question. Your letter tells me exactly what the conditions are at present and it would not serve any useful purpose for me to come merely to inspect them, as I think you will appreciate.

The difficulty is that this is a very small tower for a ring of eight bells and I am sure you will realize that some drawing of the ropes from the perpendicular is inevitable under such conditions. I personally always endeavour to see that the ropes are "drawn" the minimum amount but no doubt it will be possible to "draw" them a greater amount than has already been done provided you clearly understand that more friction will be put on the ropes. Walker has only worked to instructions he has been given and, as you say, is in no way to blame. With regard to No.4 rope falling near the stepladder, I fear this cannot be helped but Walker clearly told me you were agreeable to moving the stepladder. However this is a point which can be gone into when they come next Monday, 10 January, to see what can be done to satisfy you in all respects, which of course we are most anxious to do. I should like you if at all possible to see the result of the alterations before Mr. Fidler and Mr. Walker return home next Monday and as it will be necessary for them to get back the same night perhaps you will go round to the Church as early as you possibly can in the late afternoon or early evening.

With regard to the weights of the various bells, I enclose a list of these but shall appreciate it if you will only publish the weight of the tenor bell, and not the individual weights of each bell. Confidentially, the reason for this is that we do not wish to give away to our competitors the details as to how we proportion the various bells of our new peals as such information is likely to be helpful to them.

With best wishes and hoping to make everything to your complete satisfaction,

Yours sincerely,

J. Oakham
General Manager.