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Bolton.

Jan 2/55.

W/s. J. Taylor & Co.

Gentlemen, After consultation with the Vicar & Wardens, I wish to confirm my remarks to your Bell-hanger, Mr. Walker, & would like to make the following observations:-

1. I do not like the position of the 4th Rope. In the first place this has had to be brought through a loose trap door, and secondly it is placed too near the belfry wall to allow for decent ringing comfort, particularly so, as it is hanging within 6" of the ladder which provides access the bell chamber above. As a result of this, the rope is coming down from the ceiling behind the ringer, & has to be pulled forward, thus making the tuft difficult to catch. (Please do not misunderstand this criticism, as it is not meant to be a reflection on your bell-hanger, who has been most helpful.)
2. I should be glad if you would provide a proper tolling rope, complete with tuft, as the one you have sent does not seem to me to be up to the usual "Taylor Standard."
3. In general, the ropes of the 3rd, 4th, & 5th seem to be crowded together compared to the rest of them. May I suggest that your Mr. Oldham pays us a visit as soon as possible to discuss these matters. I am only available in the evenings & on Saturdays.

May I also take the liberty of asking you to let us have a list of the weights of the various bells, & also the key in which the Peal have been re-cast.

Thanking you in anticipation,

yours faithfully
M. Crook