

244th ANNIVERSARY.

Sept 20/30

PAINSWICK RINGERS CELEBRATE.

Coming Attempt to Regain Record.

The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths (established as far back as 1686) celebrated its 244th anniversary on Saturday. There was plenty of ringing during the afternoon and in the evening. The annual dinner took place at the Golden Hart Inn, members to the number of 30 coming from Birmingham, Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Minchinhampton, Stonehouse, Wolverhampton, Stroud, Newent, Elkstone, and other parts.

The Vicar (Rev. A. M. Coode) presided, and in terms of high praise proposed the toast of "The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths."

Speeches in reply were made by Mr. Albert Wright (conductor), Mr. J. D. G. Harris (Wolverhampton), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), and Mr. James George (Birmingham). The last named, who is 78 years of age, and who has taken part in 1,086 peals in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, gave it as his opinion that the bells at Painswick were second to none.

In the course of the speeches it was stated that in November another attempt would be made to recapture the lost record for the greatest number of changes on twelve bells, and the hope was expressed that Mr. Wright would receive the loyal support of the other ringers in his efforts to regain the honour for Painswick.