

Mr. Jos. Tinsley under his pen name of Jacques, contributed an article to the Herald from which this extract is made:

When Rev. Neil McPherson returned a few years ago from taking his walks abroad, his mind had been stored with things never to be forgotten. Cathedrals and Churches had been inspected and the hundred and one interesting features to a scholar and prolific reader duly recorded. In giving a hurried but graphic sketch of his tour, and the sights seen, he concluded in an outburst of genuine enthusiasm, in keeping with his poetic temperament—“But the Bells! They are wonderful! Westminster all of them! Whenever heard the music left an impression that will never be effaced from memory. We must have Chimes in St. Paul’s.”

Being a man who is not deterred by ordinary obstacles, whose nature is full of buoyancy and hope, in a short time the seed was sown. Pastor and people were quickly in touch with each other. The enthusiasm of Mr. McPherson had become infectious. John Knox was appointed chairman and he and his associates quietly, without ostentation, soon received financial encouragement. Many branches of the church workers expressed a willingness and desire to assume a share of the responsibility incurred.

Men and women of mature age tell that the only sound of joy and festivity heard at the Christmas seasons long ago in the city was produced by different bells from the various shops. “Coopers bell” seemed to be the favorite. An attempt is now made to ring out the happy hours spent in the house of praise and prayer, and St. Paul’s Chimes will be helpful in a fuller realization of the words

“Far far away like bells at evening pealing,  
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea.”

The Chime is Harold Cummings. Suitable selections will be rung out each Sabbath and on Good Friday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, King's Birthday, Christmas and the Old Year out and New Year in.

The Chimes will also be rung on special occasions on instructions from the Minister or Chairman of Managers.