



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COW BAY, C. B.—SHOWING BELLONI MEMORIAL TOWER.

acres of land adjoining it, situate at Little Glace Bay.

The incumbent seems to have had visions of wheat and barley, and anticipated profitable employment during his spare hours, and good results of attention to the farm. But, alas! farm requirements being somewhat in a 'vance of the good priest's number of spare hours, as also of his experience in farm life, this venture ended in failure.

After thirteen years of hard work, showing many good results, Mr. Croucher resigned the incumbency, and is now doing faithful work for the Church at Yale, British Columbia.

Owing to a scarcity of clergy, this mission, together with several others, was vacant for a year.

At the Trinity Ordination of '83 a class of six young men came down from King's College, Windsor, N.S., and were ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Binney; and Rev. W. James Lockyer, one of the class, was appointed to this parish and is rector of it at the present time.

It having gradually dawned upon the people, that the Mission Home was neither central nor adapted for the purposes for which it was bought, it was sold during the vacancy, and the balance of proceeds, after paying some debts, was placed in the bank.

During the autumn of '84 a very creditable building was erected in Cow Bay at a cost of

nearly \$3,000, where, as soon as it was completed, the incumbent and his wife took up their abode.

Cow Bay is the most populous and flourishing of the nine colliery districts along the shore and within the parish; and, being the middle of the parish, i.e., fifteen miles from each end, the principle of making a strong hub as the best for the building up of an extensive parish was adopted, and has been followed by the best results.

All things as required by law for the creation of a parish being in our possession, application was duly made to the mother parish at the Easter meeting of '86 for a separation.

This was immediately granted, and with the knowledge that we "may sue and be sued,"

we started anew, and in keeping with our independent position.

Each succeeding year became marked by increased contributions to the missionary cause, improvements of present property and additions where necessary.

During the summer of '87 we were called upon by death to part with our senior churchwarden, Augustino Belloni, a loss which, so far as we could see, we could ill afford.

A loving wish expressed to the rector by Mr. Belloni's mother, sisters and brothers, to be permitted to offer something to God through His Church in memory of him, resulted in our possession of the most beautiful bell in the deanery; whilst a similar wish expressed by his many friends in Cape Breton found its outcome in the present tower from which the bell peals forth its summons to daily prayer and weekly Eucharist; tolls its notice of a departing soul, and rings its merry peal as the happy wedding party come down the altar steps and go out into the world.

Later on came another request from some private friends, Messrs. Vooght Bros., of North Sydney, to be permitted to place a stained glass window in the parish church to his memory.

The bell bears the inscription:—

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To the glory of God, and in loving memory of
Augustino Belloni.
May 18th, 1887.