

Church Publishing Company, Limited.

Incorporated under the Companies Acts 1899-1907.

Capital :

£5000, divided into 10,000 Shares of Ten Shillings Each.

The whole of the above Shares are now offered for public subscription, payable as follows :—One Shilling per Share on application ; One Shilling per Share on allotment ; and the balance by calls not exceeding One Shilling per Share on any one call ; no call to be made payable until the expiration of at least one month from the date on which the last preceding call was payable.

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PROSPECTUS.

The principal object for which this Company has been formed is expressed in clause 3 of its Memorandum of Association, as follows :—

“To establish, print, publish, and sell a newspaper to be known by the name of *The Church Standard*, or by any other name, and to conduct the same in general for the furtherance of the interests of that part of the Catholic Church in Australia which is in communion with the See of Canterbury and which is at the date of these presents known as the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania and is hereinafter referred to as the Church of Australia or the Australian Church, and in particular upon the lines of policy following, that is to say :—

- (i) To foster the growth of the Australian Church into the fulness of its Catholic inheritance.
- (ii) To encourage the growth of the missionary spirit in the Australian Church.
- (iii) To foster and develop in Australian Churchmen a truly Federal spirit ; to strengthen and consolidate the Australian Church ; to check any exaggerated tendency towards diocesanism and provincialism ; and to support the claims of General Synod to be the effective governing Parliament of the Church.

- (iv) To assert the inherent right of the Church of Australia, as a national branch of the Catholic Church, to legislate for itself and to interpret its own legislation; and in furtherance of this object to aim at bringing about the changes in the constitutions of the various dioceses and provinces which may be considered necessary before such a position of independence can be effectively gained.
- (v) To call the attention of Churchmen to the importance of education.
- (vi) To encourage the vocation to the separated life, and the establishment of religious communities for men and for women respectively on Australian soil, with a view to the fullest development of the life of service."

The urgent necessity of having a strong and vigorous newspaper to educate and express the public opinion of the Church on the above matters is generally recognised. Churchmen have now an opportunity of doing their part to establish such a paper.

As will be seen, the paper will take a very definite line of churchmanship, and its opinions will be decided and clearly expressed. It will aim, however, at filling in Australia the place which has been taken in Church life in England by the *Guardian*; and will avoid controversy as much as possible, preferring to set out what it believes to be the truth rather than to attack the honest convictions of others.

The Company, by its Memorandum of Association, has power (*inter alia*) to purchase other papers, printing works, and copyrights, and to carry on the usual business of a general publishing company. It is hoped, for example, that before long the company may arrange for the issue of a series of penny Church manuals on subjects of special Australian importance, consisting largely of reprints of articles from the pages of the newspaper. The establishment of the newspaper, however, will be the first object to which the Directors will devote their attention.

At the outset, the paper will consist of at least eight pages, of about the same size as those of the *Church Times*. It will be published weekly in Sydney; the price will be one penny per copy, and the annual subscription in advance five shillings, post free to any address within the Commonwealth or New Zealand.

The financial arrangements have been the subject of much careful enquiry and anxious thought. Estimates have been obtained from several printing firms, and gentlemen of much experience in the publishing and advertising businesses have been consulted. Conservative estimates seem to show that the revenue from advertisements and subscriptions should exceed the expenses of publication and distribution within a reasonable time, though at first it will undoubtedly be necessary to publish at a loss. It is not desired to offer the scheme as a profitable investment, even though eventually some return may accrue to shareholders. The Directors wish that every person who takes a share in the Company should do so as an act of faith for the good of the Church, and that he should be prepared in due course to contribute, without hope of any return, the total sum to which his membership makes him liable.

The actual production of the paper will be in the hands of an editor and a business manager, who will devote their whole time to its interests. The Board of Directors will exercise a general supervision.

Although the paper will be edited and published in Sydney, every care will be taken to guard against its being exclusively or over largely concerned with the affairs of the mother diocese. Regular letters and reports will be received from salaried correspondents in every diocese in the Commonwealth. Sydney and Melbourne, as the most populous and important dioceses at present, will naturally claim a considerable portion of the available space; but every endeavour will be made to have all dioceses in the Commonwealth adequately represented. The proceedings of General Synod, of the Church Congress, and of the various Provincial Synods will be fully reported, and the Diocesan Synods will receive due attention. Regular letters will also be obtained from correspondents in other parts of the world, especially from the Mission field. English news will be a special feature, and arrangements will be made to reprint articles and extracts from the leading English Church newspapers. The paper will also have a representative in England, who will from time to time communicate matter of special interest to Australian readers; and it is hoped that it may be possible occasionally to obtain special cable messages on subjects of importance.

Reviews and articles of general interest will be features of the paper; and already the Directors have received promises of literary assistance from prominent scholars and writers in the Commonwealth. It is hoped also that the paper will provide sound and definite teaching on the faith and practice of the English branch of the Catholic Church, and will thus supply a long-felt want in Australia.

The Directors propose to proceed to allotment when, and not until, application has been made for at least 3000 Shares. Prior to the formation of the Company, provisional applications for upwards of 1200 Shares were received, chiefly in blocks ranging from 200 to 10.

The liability of members is strictly limited to the amount (if any) which remains unpaid on their Shares, and under no possible circumstances can this liability be exceeded. When a member has contributed the face value of his Shares, no further payment can in any case be required from him.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company may be inspected at the office of the Solicitors to the Company, at any time during business hours; or a copy will be posted to any address on receipt of a postal note for one shilling.

Application for Shares should be made at once upon the form accompanying the Prospectus, or a form similarly worded, and should be sent to the Secretary of the Company, together with a deposit of one shilling per Share. Postage stamps of any Australian State will be received for sums not exceeding three shillings. Larger sums should be sent by postal note or money order. If the remittance is made by cheque, *exchange must be added*.

If the number of Shares allotted to any applicant is less than the number applied for, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the remaining payments.

Failure to pay any future instalment on Shares allotted, when such instalment falls due, will render previous payments liable to forfeiture; and under the Company's Articles of Association the Directors are empowered to forfeit without further notice the Shares of any member who fails to pay the instalment payable on allotment or any call on its due date.

Dated at Sydney this eighteenth day of September, 1911.

To the Directors of Church Publishing Company, Limited.
Savings Bank Chambers,
11 Moore Street,
Sydney.

Gentlemen,—

I request you to allot me..... Shares in the abovenamed Company upon the terms
(fill in)
of the Company's Prospectus dated the eighteenth day of September, 1911. I enclose herewith a
remittance of....., being a deposit of one shilling per share on the said number of
(fill in)
Shares; and I hereby agree to accept the said number of Shares or any smaller number which
may be allotted to me, and to pay the sum of one shilling per Share on allotment as provided by
the said Prospectus, and to pay the balance at such times and in such amounts as may be required
by the Directors for the time being under the powers conferred upon them in that behalf by the
Articles of Association of the said Company; and I authorise you to register me as the holder of
the said Shares.

Name in full [Rev., Mr, Mrs., Miss]

Please write
very distinctly.

Address in full.....

Occupation.....

Date.....

Usual Signature.....