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THE CHURCH EVANGELIST is the substitute for and successor to, the Church Guardian of Montreal which has been acquired by the Church of England Publishing Co., Ltd.

The object of the new paper is perhaps best expressed by its title. We have no party aims to pursue no party interests to promote. We desire simply to spread the good news, to win men to a hearty acceptance of the faith of the Gospel, and to build believers up in their most Holy Faith, and so to do what we can to enlighten, uplift and save our fellow men.

In pursuance of this supreme end, we pledge ourselves to follow to the best of our knowledge and ability the teaching and practice of the Church of England, according to the plain, natural and necessary interpretation of her Prayer Book and doctrinal decrees. We do not intend to engage in attacks upon our brethren who see not as we see, or upon Christian communities that have separated from us. We will do our best to win both to an acceptance of what we believe to be the truth by a plain and positive statement of the truth as it presents itself to our minds, and by offering the best reasons we can in support what we hold. But it is no part of our plan to be accusers, much less to be maligners of Christian men, and especially of our brethren. In saying this we do not mean that we will not try to defend the Church and the Faith which she holds when assailed, or that we will not do our best to expose error and uphold the truth, but merely that our aim is positive and not negative—our desire to teach and not to assail. We pledge ourselves never to vilify; and when we have to defend the truth or expose error, we will endeavor, God helping us, to speak the truth in love. On this point it will be our aim to act upon the principles of the great Hooker as stated in the opening section of Book V. "Our desire is not so much to overthrow them with whom we contend as to yield them just and reasonable causes of those things, which, for want of due consideration heretofore, they have misconceived."

In one word, it will be our endeavor to represent the great central party of the Church of England, which after all is not a party, because it is the Church of England. In accordance with this aim we will earnestly advocate whatever tends to produce harmony, good will, and unity of action among the brethren, and will do our best to promote every legitimate movement that seeks to reach the wider aim of the unity of the whole Christian brotherhood in the one Body of Christ. It is upon this platform, broad as the Church of England, strong, positive, and unhesitating, that we appeal to the clergy and laity of the Church to give us their hearty support and earnest co-operation.

Mr. T. R. Clougher, an experienced and successful publisher and manager has been appointed managing director for the company, and is devoting not only his immense energy, skill, and long experience, but also considerable capital to make this undertaking a success.

Experienced and successful writers have undertaken the departments of Missions, Women's Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Brotherhood, the Sunday School, and the Home. We ask for letters, editorial communications and clippings on all subjects that are of interest to Church men and Church women throughout the Dominion. These will, of course, be subject to the usual revision of the editor-in-chief, who is responsible for the general character of the whole publication.

We pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavors to make the CHURCH EVANGELIST, in literary ability, no less than in ecclesiastical information and orthodoxy of doctrine, worthy of the Church of England.

### Our Predecessor.

The appearance of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN in a new dress and under a new name, and its publication in Toronto, by no means indicate that Dr. Davidson's connection with the paper will cease. On the contrary, Dr. Davidson's aim in transferring the paper to the Church of England Publishing Company is to provide for its permanence, and to secure more fully the purposes of its publication. For many years he has borne almost single-handed the labor of editing a Church newspaper, and that the CHURCH GUARDIAN has been so long and so ably edited is at once a proof of Dr. Davidson's great powers, and of his deep love for the Church.

But foreseeing the necessity of lightening the burden resting upon him, he has welcomed the formation of the Church of England Publishing Co., as an opportunity for transferring the CHURCH GUARDIAN to the new Company, of which he will be one of the Directors as well as one of the Associate Editors of THE CHURCH EVANGELIST.

### The Church of England Publishing Co., Ltd.

Letters patent have just been issued by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario in Council, incorporating this Company. The capital stock is fixed at \$50,000, in shares of \$50 each. We are sure that this announcement will be a matter of very real gratification to a very large number of Church people throughout the Dominion. It has long been felt that we are neglecting a very powerful agency for good in not having an organization for circulating amongst our people the vast and splendid stores of literature, which the Church of England has produced.

This feeling has often found expression on the floor of our Synods, and many fruitless attempts have been made to get the Church in her corporate capacity to take active steps to provide for this great need.

At last, despairing of any other remedy, and hearing from all parts of the country that the houses of our people were being filled with an alien and often hostile literature, and that an anti-Church religious sentiment was thus being created, a few individuals determined to start a joint stock Church Publishing Company. The difficulties and delays have been very great, but the final result is the incorporation of the above named Company, with a capital, which under the able and energetic Managing Directorship, they have secured, insures the ultimate success of the enter-