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# United Prayer

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Issued by the Executive Committee of the  
**CONSTANTINOPLE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' UNION.**

**Headquarters: Bible House, Stamboul, Constantinople.**

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**OCTOBER, 1922**

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## **Invitation**

**I**F you believe in the power of prayer, we invite you to join our fellowship in prayer. Our end is those quiet transformations in individual and social life which can be wrought only by the Holy Spirit. Our method is united prayer. Small groups meeting for united prayer are meeting in different parts of the city. You are invited to form a group or to join an already existing group. If you desire to share in this fellowship, please let the fact be known to us and we will coordinate your efforts with those of others of like purpose. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

## **Special Objects for Prayer for the Month of October**

1. PRAY for greater faith.
2. PRAY for an abiding sense of God's guidance in dark days.
3. PRAY for a mighty spiritual awakening in the Christian Church throughout the world.
4. PRAY for the steady success of all movements looking toward the strengthening of international Christian brotherhood.
5. PRAY for all those who suffer and are in distress that God through His faithful children may bring them comfort.
6. PRAY for the students of all educational institutions, especially those in the Near East, that TRUTH may become the conscious goal of each one.

## **Christian Workers' Union Meeting**

The first regular meeting for 1922-23 of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union will be held Saturday, October 7th at the Pera Y.W.C.A. Service Center 10 Rue Chimal, Pera.

The program for the meeting is the following: (1) Business Meeting 2:30 to 3:30, Report of the Executive Committee, Election of Officers, New Business; (2) Address by Prof. H. G. Wood, Director of Woodbrooke College, Birmingham, England. Tea will be served at 4:30. All interested friends are most cordially invited.

## Annual Report of the Executive Committee 1921-1922

**T**HE Constantinople Christian Workers' Union was organized in February 1920 by a group of friends from various Christian bodies in the city who desired to encourage and to stimulate cooperative effort in Christian service. The purpose in mind did not call for a complex organization but rather laid emphasis upon fellowship through occasional meetings where people engaged in different lines of Christian service might catch glimpses of the common task from a fresh angle.

Specific opportunities of service for the Union as a unit have appeared especially in connection with visits from noted Christian leaders, such as Sherwood Eddy and Fred B. Smith. The rather widely representative nature of the membership of the Union gives it the opportunity to represent the evangelical forces of the city as a whole.

During 1921-1922 regular meetings have been held once in two months, in October, December, February and April. These meetings have averaged 75 in attendance. A number of special meetings have been held, particularly in connection with the visit of Fred B. Smith in April. Prof. Loutfi Levonian in February and Associate Secretary W. C. Pearce of the World's Sunday School Association in March stirred us by their thoughtful and inspiring addresses.

Basing its action on the consensus of opinion in the February meeting, the Executive Committee began the publication of a monthly bulletin, UNITED PRAYER, designed to serve as a means of promoting a more earnest spirit of unity in prayer and service, and as another bond of fellowship among Christian workers in the city. Four numbers were issued in English—February to May, inclusive; the June number was issued in Armenian and the July number in Armeno-Turkish. We regret that the plan for the August number in Greek could not be carried out. It remains for the Union at its October business meeting to decide whether UNITED PRAYER shall be continued and on what basis.

The visit of Fred B. Smith has been the outstanding event of the year. We would refer to the report of the Smith Committee prepared by the chairman, Dr. E. J. Fisher of Robert College, and printed in full in the May number of the bulletin. Mr. Smith came to Constantinople as a representative of the World's Alliance of Churches and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in the interests of international friendship and goodwill.

It would seem apparent that these two ideas should largely dominate the thought and work of the Christian Workers' Union: the deepening of the spiritual life of its members, and the promotion in practical ways of international friendship here in this strangely cosmopolitan city.

### Executive Committee :

October 1st 1922.

FRED FIELD GOODSSELL, Chairman

Miss I. F. DODD, Vice-Chairman

A. C. RYAN, Treasurer

E. C. STEVENS, Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report for the Period Oct. 1, 1921 to Sept. 6, 1922**

Receipts :—	
Bal-on hand Oct. 1, 1921 . . . . .	Ltqs. 50.16
Receipts from membership dues . . . . .	" 39.00
" " special donations . . . . .	" 47.00
Refund on refreshment bills . . . . .	" 10.00
	146.16
Expenditures :—	
Biscuits . . . . .	Ltqs. 15.00
Tea for meeting Oct. 1, 1921 . . . . .	" 4.10
" " " Feb. 4, 1922 . . . . .	" 7.50
Printing receipt blanks . . . . .	" 4.50
Printing and stationery . . . . .	" 5.50
Printing " United Prayer " Feb. March, April . . . . .	" 41.70
" " " May, June, July . . . . .	" 56.70
Balance on hand Sept. 6, 1922 . . . . .	" 11.06
	146.16

Respectfully submitted,  
 ARTHUR C. RYAN,  
*Treasurer.*

**Invitation to membership**

**Y**OUR attention is called to the following extracts from the Constitution of the Constantinople Christian Workers' Union :

" The Constantinople Christian Workers' Union is a voluntary association of persons engaged in some definite form of Christian work in the city of Constantinople. "

" The purpose of this Union is to promote a spirit of fellowship in prayer and Christian growth, and unity in effort and service. "

" Any person signifying the desire to cooperate in this Union by signing the Constitution and paying the annual dues shall there by become a member of the Union. "

**During the year 1921-1922 seventy two persons attended to the detail of making the annual payment of fifty piasters. Many more than that number attended the meetings and a good many doubtless had the intention of becoming members in full standing.**

**Membership dues for 1922-1923 are now payable. Will you not send fifty piasters to the treasurer, Mr. Ryan, at the Bible House, Stamboul, and thus give us the assurance that you are with us in your interest this year ?**

## Daily Bible Readings for October - November

### Waiting for the Lord

Oct. 18	Ps.	<b>27</b> : 14
" 19	Is.	<b>40</b> : 28, 29
" 20	Is.	<b>41</b> : 10
" 21	Is.	<b>25</b> : 4
" 22	Ja.	<b>1</b> : 3, 4
" 23	Heb.	<b>10</b> : 35, 36
" 24	Ps.	<b>16</b> : 2, 5, 6

### Trusting in the Lord

Oct. 25	Pro.	<b>16</b> : 20
" 26	Rom.	<b>4</b> : 20, 21
" 27	Chron.	<b>13</b> : 18
" 28	Ps.	<b>46</b> : 1, 2
" 29	Ps.	<b>118</b> : 8, 9
" 30	Ps.	<b>37</b> : 23, 24
" 31	Ps.	<b>34</b>

### Drawing near to God

Nov. 1	Est.	<b>5</b> : 2
" 2	1 John	<b>4</b> : 16-19
" 3	Heb.	<b>10</b> : 22
" 4	Eph.	<b>2</b> : 13
" 5	Eph.	<b>3</b> : 12
" 6	Heb.	<b>4</b> : 16
" 7	Ex.	<b>22</b> : 27

### Trusting at times of darkness

Nov. 8	Ps.	<b>4</b> : 8, <b>91</b> : 5
" 9	Rom.	<b>8</b> : 32
" 10	Ps.	<b>121</b> : 3-5
" 11	1 Cor.	<b>5</b> : 23
" 12	Ps.	<b>61</b> : 4
" 13	Is.	<b>12</b> : 2
" 14	Ps.	<b>139</b> : 12

## Thoughts for Meditation

" True hearts spread and cleave  
Unto their God as flowers do to the Sun.  
Give Him thy first thoughts ".

H. VAUGHAN

" Grant me, O most loving Lord, to rest in Thee  
Above all creatures, above all health and beauty,  
Above all glory and honour, above all power and dignity,  
Above all fame and praise, above all hope and promise.  
Surely my heart cannot truly rest, nor be entirely contented,  
unless it rest in Thee ".

THOMAS A. KEMPIS.

" The very thinking of the thought, without a praise or  
prayer,  
Gives light to know, and life to do, and marvellous  
strength to bear ".

FABER