# THE ART OF LISTENING

## WELCOME

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THIS afternoon I am charged with two very pleasant tasks. The first is as provost of the host faculty to bid you welcome to our symposium and welcome you to Sheffield; and the second is to introduce you to our chairman of the day, Professor Stuart-Harris who is Sir George Franklin professor of medicine in the University of Sheffield, and perhaps best known for the vast amount of work which he has carried out in the field of 'virus disease', and influenza in particular. He is a member of the Virus Advisory Body of the World Health Organization, and his attainments in medicine have been recognized in this country by his appointment as a Croonian Lecturer of the Royal College of Physicians, and in the U.S.A. by his appointment as Visiting Professor to the Universities of Albany, New York and Vanderbilt, South Carolina. He is a true and real friend of this faculty, and the best general-practitioner orientated professor of medicine we have ever had. It is interesting to note that in recent years six of his registrars have entered general practice in Sheffield, a brain drain in the right direction.

## INTRODUCTION

**Professor C. H. Stuart-Harris,** *C.B.E.*, M.D., F.R.C.P. (*Sir George Franklin Professor of Medicine, University of Sheffield*)

WHEN my wife heard that I was to take the chair at a symposium on 'The Art of Listening' she said: 'That ought to be good for you, you never listen to anyone at