

that you can, as it were, leave this very bewildering generation the task of making a clear demarkation as to whether they want a psychiatric social-worker or whether they want a psychiatrist or whether they want a social worker. In our kind of society, I suspect more and more that they are going to consult the doctor; unless the doctor becomes so remote from our society in a bureaucratic structure that he is as lost as these other people.

SUMMING UP

Professor C. H. Stuart-Harris, C.B.E.: I should like to summarize if I may what we have been listening to; we have had five most outstanding addresses.

I think Lord Wilberforce set the tone of the subsequent discussions because he gave us the most penetrating analysis of a judge's mind as he sits up there listening for five hours each day. Everyone found this quite fascinating. He pointed to the interpretative type of listening with which as doctors we are familiar; though we may not be ourselves judicial in our approach, at least we have to interpret what is said, for the benefit of the patient, in order that the whole process of diagnosis and treatment may roll forward. I am sure you would want me to thank him specially for that particular contribution.

Then we heard of listening from Mr Sanders—listening for 'The cry for help.' This also was fascinating and the social apparatus in society today has emerged very clearly in this symposium as being part of the whole process of living. We must be very closely aware of the problem that is faced by those working as Mr Sanders does, in relation to apparently purely medical symptoms.

Dr Tonge gave a very good account of listening in a psychiatric sense, and this was listening in the third dimension. I would like to thank him for that because it was a very exciting and very interesting way of putting the psychiatrist's point of view. So often we do things without understanding why we do them, and I think now that most doctors, even family doctors who deal for a lot of the time with psychiatric illnesses of a varied character, must have appreciated what he had to say; listening for the things which have not been said—the fears and problems unexpressed.

Bishop Wickham gave us a very illuminating account of listening in the biblical and religious sense, and he told us to keep still or to be still, and listen; this I think was a splendid contribution. He also talked about the problem of listening with the sociologically-attuned ear. This is something which we cannot avoid; it is the doctor's burden in modern society. There is the lively expression too which he coined for us that 'in the world of steel and concrete, sex is the only green thing'. Thank you for that comment.

We heard from Dr Lord a most interesting account of the function of a doctor—all the various attributes of family doctors. We have so many family doctors here that you could express better than myself how wel

you felt he put your problems; if I learnt nothing else from him but this extraordinary combination of words, 'dysfunctional communicator,' I would go away feeling quite satisfied. I am just going to repeat my thanks and I am going to turn this meeting over to Dr Baker.

VOTE OF THANKS

Dr Baker (*Provost*): Ladies and gentlemen, I am sure you would like me to say to Professor Stuart-Harris how much we have enjoyed sitting under his wing today. He has handled our meeting with smoothness, with expertise and with humanity, and it is quite obvious from his summing up that he really has been listening to some purpose. Occasions like this are always moments for giving thanks and we have some thanks to give this afternoon. We owe a great deal to our sponsors, the Pharmaceutical Division of Geigy (U.K.) Limited, who have financed and organized this symposium. On a more personal basis, I want to thank especially the six final-year medical students who have given up almost a complete day at our service and who have behaved so smoothly and wonderfully, and have given that atmosphere of family which is very important. We are very glad to have them with us. Last, but not least, my own personal thanks to a wonderful panel for having given such an entertaining time.
