

H R H THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH : Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have been asked to present this Golden Heart this evening, but before I do so I would like to say how very delighted I am to be here this evening. I can say that in all conscientiousness because I did not know I was going to be given a cheque for five thousand pounds for turning up. (Laughter)

Now I know that you have all been welcomed here by many people and that you are leaving tomorrow, most of you. But I would like to add my personal welcome to all who have come here from abroad. I hope you have enjoyed yourselves and I hope you have survived the marathon convention and(I hope you will be in as good when you fergather next year).

As you have heard, I am an Honorary Life Member of Variety International with which I am very delighted to be (associated). You may suppose from that, that I have done something for variety. Strangely enough, that could not be more further from the truth. I have never done anything for variety; I have always got variety to do things for me. In fact, there is a playing field not far from here, along the Thames at (Hurlingham), I think, it is called The American Playing Field or the Variety Club Playing Field, which was built (and) put into operation I believe as a result of an evening matinee here which was organised by the Variety Club number 36 Tent here in England. Since then, I have kept them up to the mark, and I can assure you they are very good at raising money for charity; particularly any charity I have anything to do with.

Now, Lord Nuffield, I have been asked to present you with this Golden Heart award, which I do with the very greatest pleasure on behalf/<sup>of</sup>both Variety Clubs and all the people who have benefitted from your benefactions.

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LORD NUFFIELD (1ST VISCOUNT) : Ladies and Gentlemen, you will realise I suppose that I have found myself a stranger in this company. I do not think there are more than two people in the place I have ever met before.

When I arrived here tonight, I wondered what I should have to say if I were asked to speak. Anyway, I hardly know how to start. All that I can say for myself is that I have always tried to help those less fortunate than myself. I think, in doing so, I have gone on to medicine, teaching, and all that goes to help those who are less fortunate than myself.

When it comes to medicine, I think it was anaesthetics and anaesthesia which was my first thought. I have had two bad anaesthetics myself. I would like to say (that) most of the things I have done have been brought about from that experience. I had my appendix out. I was wheeled into the operating theatre, a mask was put on to my face and I breathed away as hard as I could for at least ten minutes, and eventually spoke into the mask and said: "When are you going to administer the anaesthetic." Hence the professorship of anaesthesia.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I hardly know what to say. I can say that the presentation of this Golden Heart, tonight, has been such a surprise to me. And I cannot thank this Convention more for the wonderful thought in presenting it to me.

I have, in my time, mixed with medicine I suppose. I wanted to be a surgeon when I was a youngster, but there was no money to be a surgeon with, so that had to go by the board. I can only thank the Lord for that, because I think in surgery I could not have made as much money to give away, anyway, so the world is the better off that I did not.

But then we come on to orthopaedics, with (fallen) children and so on. That was my next thought. And I have done quite a lot around the world in that direction. Which I should do anyway. I think those who can do it and do not; that is their business. But, anyway, it is a comfort to me to know that I have done my best in that direction. The various professorships (at Oxford) were born, as I said, from my own experience in medicine, and I only hope that what I have been able to do has been a help to this world.

I must tell you a little joke, which will make you all laugh. I was travelling around the world, and arrived at Fiji. I was about to get off the ship, when the Aide from the Governor arrived with an invitation for me to come up to lunch. I may say the boat was only staying three hours. I arrived at the lunch; there was the Bishop of Fiji. Before I had been there half an hour I had lost the cathedral. (Laughter) I wanted to be quite sure this would not slip through. The Bishop was coming to England on the same trip with me, so I could not get out of that. The next thing I ~~heard~~ heard was a tornado had lifted the roof off the cathedral; when I arrived the next time, it had been put back again.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I will not delay you longer tonight. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the presentation of this Golden Heart, which I appreciate very much, and can only promise in the rest of my life, which at any rate cannot be very long, I shall do my best to continue to help those who are less fortunate than myself.

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