

## CLOSING REMARKS

*Mr M. I. MacLaurin* In closing this symposium I have three things to say. The first is to thank you all for your contributions, both in public and outside this lecture theatre. The stars who were expected to shine have not disappointed us; the others of less renown have either had their say or listened and learned. Everyone has worked hard and I thank you all.

The second is the matter of the subject for the next symposium. It will take place in September 1981, probably in Cambridge. We have not yet agreed upon a form of words for the title, but we are fairly well agreed about what we mean. The idea we have is to discuss how we can use our paper science to decide what properties we require from our raw materials and exactly how they should be processed in order to obtain the specified product.

Ladies and Gentlemen. Finally it only remains to wish all of you a safe journey home and to hope to meet you all again at our seventh symposium.

*Addendum during proof-reading*

The theme for the Seventh Fundamental Research Symposium, 1981 (probably at Cambridge), is

### THE ROLE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH IN PAPER-MAKING

Fundamental research in the past two or three decades has greatly increased the depth of our understanding of paper—its manufacture, properties and performance. The question can be asked ‘To what extent has this increased knowledge helped us in the past, or may help us in the future, to master and improve the papermaking process?’ The plan is to devote each session to a specific field, for example, stock preparation, wet end control, drying, coating, quality control, etc. It is hoped that each session will start with an authoritative ‘case history’, followed by fundamental research done in the field but not applied, including failures, and will end with current work and its potential usefulness, and possibly pointing out gaps that need to be filled. Contributions and suggestions along these lines are invited. Please write to the Programme Secretary, Dr H. Corte, Wiggins Teape Research & Development Ltd., Butler’s Court, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, HP9 1RT, England. Tel. (04946) 5652. Telex 83612.