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S. J. H. W. ALLIN

THE President (Mr W. Palin Elderton, C.B.E.), before asking Mr H. E. Raynes to introduce his paper, referred to the death of Mr S. J. H. W. Allin, C.B.E., which took place on the 21st December, within a year of his retirement. Mr Allin, he said, had been at one time in the Mutual of New York, and, when the transfer of certain policies to a British Company took place, he went into general practice and became associated with the late Sir G. F. Hardy and others. With the advent of National Health Insurance he became a civil servant, and it must have been a special pleasure to him to deal with the actuarial side of the Board of Trade returns, as it brought him in business contact with many of his old friends in the City of London, and they on their side appreciated his help.

Mr Allin had served on the Clauson Committee, and in that connection he recalled with amusement that, when Mr A. H. Rowell and he were working on the  $n$  ages approximation (*J.I.A.* Vol. LVI, p. 263), Mr Allin found it hard to believe in the method, so he set them an example and they promised to produce independent answers. Though satisfied with both answers, he was delighted that Rowell's was the better of the two. Fate had been unkind to him, for not only did he have the business worries alluded to, but his wife died after they had been only a few years together, and then, when things were looking happier, his closing years were spoilt by bad health. There were, however, compensations; among them surely one might believe that his friends, appreciating fate's unkindness and his worth, gave him the sympathy that a child of fortune never received.