

TRIBUTE BY E. J. LE FEVRE

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I FIRST met Allan Ede in 1936 when we worked together in the laboratory of "Fishenden and Saunders" in South Kensington. During the following three years our shared interests included not only heat-transfer and related topics in theoretical physics, but also music and opera, and walking and cycling. Our lunch-time table tennis was shared with Margaret Fishenden, Owen Saunders, Hugh Ford, Malcolm McCaig and Chao-Hua Wang.

The Second World War interrupted our researches, sent us on our separate ways and reduced communication to infrequent letters.

I was indeed happy and fortunate when I was able to recruit Allan to the Heat Division of the Mechanical Engineering Research Laboratory at East Kilbride.

At the instigation of Ezer Griffiths I had become closely involved in collaboration with the Metrology Division of N.P.L., with the B.S.I. and with the International Organisation for Standardisation. Allan

willingly joined in this and later made important contributions to the practical adoption of SI units. Allan kindly accepted the onerous Editorship of our *Heat Bibliography*, which has since become widely known. I could not have had a more loyal and gifted colleague.

In 1957 I returned to University teaching and Allan became head of the Heat Division. As is well known, he later left East Kilbride for the University of Aston, in Birmingham.

After 1957, I met Allan at Committee Meetings in London and at International Conferences in Chicago, Versailles and Tokyo. Curiously enough the motorways proved less readily traversed than the oceans.

Allan is deeply missed in many lands.

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