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The Society meets at the State School, Charman Road, Cheltenham on the third Thursday in each month. Next meeting Thursday March 16th.

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MR. J. W. ALLNUTT

All the members of the Society deeply regret the passing of Mr. J. W. Allnutt of Warrigal Road, Cheltenham. From our beginning in 1961 Mr. Allnutt was keenly interested in our work; only his great affliction - blindness - prevented him from being an active member. Mr. Allnutt's family settled originally in Bentleigh; in the 1880's some of its members moved to Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham, where Mr. Allnutt was born. In Cheltenham he grew up and lived all his life, first as a market gardener and later as a contract carrier. He attended the Charman Road State School from 1894 to 1902 and it was therefore most appropriate that in 1966 he accepted our invitation to unveil the plaque at the school in memory of the first Headmaster, Walter Meeres.

In an address to the Society in 1961 Mr. Allnutt gave a picture of Moorabbin as it was about the turn of the century gently undulating country, much of it thick bush and scrub and dotted with swamps, the settled areas covered with market gardens and small dairy farms, its townships little clusters of shops and churches, its roads in many places sandy tracks.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Allnutt, herself an active member of our Society, and her family in their great loss.