



Colonel L. J. Kimber.

## THE T. A. STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD FOR 1954

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The award of the T. A. Stewart Memorial Plaque for 1954 has (on the vote of all the Australian State Societies and the New Zealand Society) been made to Colonel L. J. Kimber, of Queensland.

To compile a list of Colonel Kimber's activities would require no little space. As a military man, he commenced his career at the bottom of the ladder in 1898. He served in South Africa, and in World War I, in which he was wounded several times, resulting in the loss of his right leg. He was retained on Home Service during the early part of World War II, and was ultimately retired due to age limit. He has always taken a very keen interest in the affairs of returned soldiers and their dependants.

We are chiefly concerned with Colonel Kimber as a rosarian. He is a foundation member of the National Rose Society of Queensland, and was president of that body from 1933 until 1951. Both he and Mrs. Kimber have been made Honorary Life Members of the Queensland Society in recognition of their excellent and continuous work for the rose. He was the lecturer on rose culture for the Board of Adult Education in Queensland for several years, and has given lectures and talks to most of the horticultural bodies. His writings for newspapers and magazines, and for this journal have been greatly appreciated.

Colonel Kimber was a most successful exhibitor from 1923 to 1940, winning many of the main awards at the Brisbane shows. Like most exhibitors, he is very ready to pass on his experience, and many of Queensland's younger exhibitors owe their success to his teaching. He is worthy to rank with the man in whose memory the plaque is given.