



Mr. W. A. Stewart.

THE T. A. STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD FOR 1956

The T. A. Stewart Memorial Award is made to men or women who have rendered outstanding service to rose growing and rose growers in Australia and New Zealand and especially to those whose influence has been widespread beyond the territory of their own particular Society. No candidate for this award has been or could be better qualified than Mr. W. A. Stewart.

Mr. W. A. Stewart was Honorary Secretary of the National Rose Society of Victoria for twenty-one years. His extraordinary efficiency and popularity were known not only to members of his own Society, but, in addition, to at least the members of the executive of each of the several National Rose Societies in Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. Stewart's father was the first Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual, and the two men worked in close collaboration in establishing the friendly co-operation that still exists between the various Societies in the production of this publication. Mr. Stewart continued this work with Mr. R. T. Hamilton, our second Editor.

The fact that Mr. Stewart is a son of the man in whose honour the award is named has a pleasing sentimental consideration, but it is quite insignificant in comparison with the true merit of his great work.