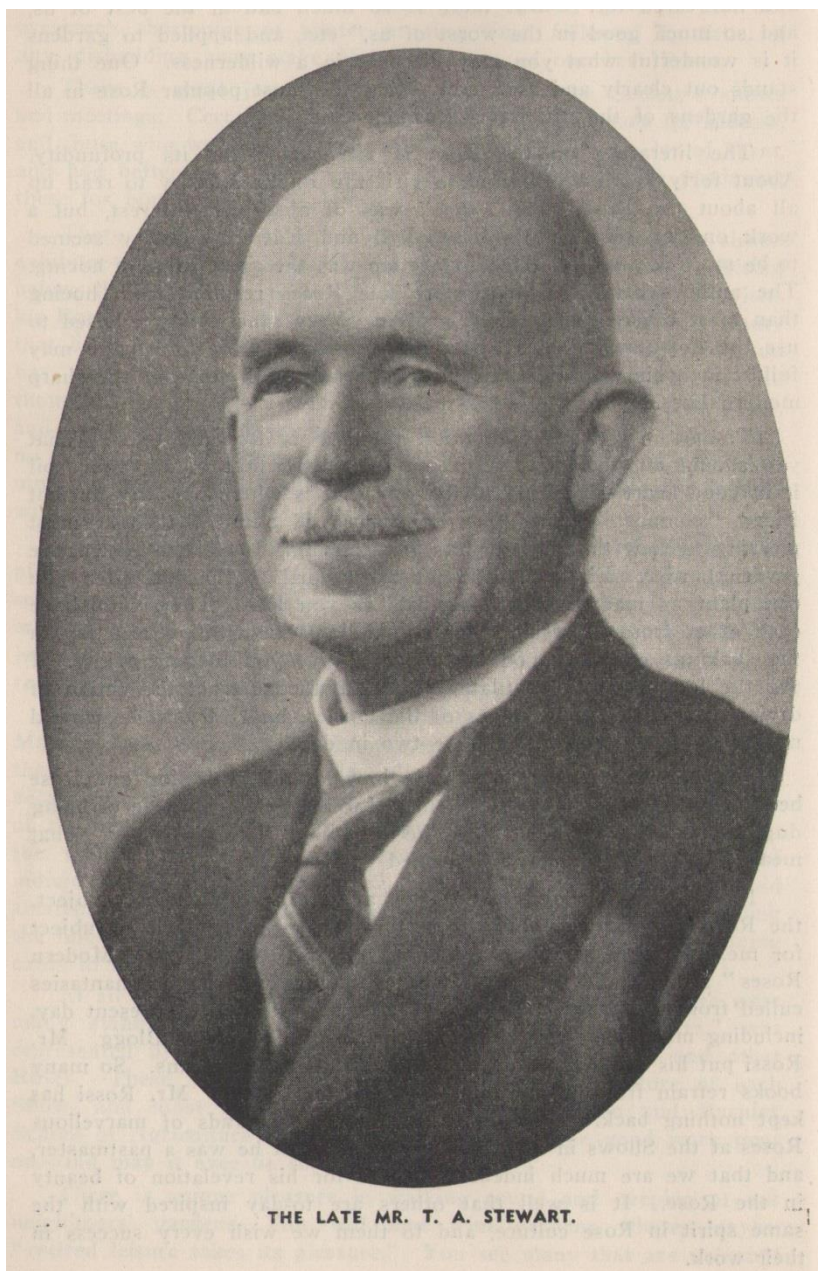


OUR LATE EDITOR

AT about the time the first copies of the 1946 "Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual" were coming from the press, Australasian Rose-growing, and particularly Rose-growing in Victoria, suffered a very severe loss in the passing of our esteemed Editor, Mr. T. A. Stewart.



THE LATE MR. T. A. STEWART.

Mr. Stewart was one of the early members of the National Rose Society of Victoria. He occupied the Presidential chair for several terms, and was, for many years, a member of the Executive, where his considered opinion on Rose matters was greatly valued. Since the inception of the "Australian Rose Annual," in 1928, Mr. Stewart guided its destiny with marked ability.

He was a very keen judge of Roses on the show-bench, but his appreciation of them did not begin and end with show blooms. The daintiness and free-flowering qualities of the decorative and single Roses were a constant source of delight to him, and he exhibited them with success.

Of a very kindly nature, he was always ready to assist the new exhibitor, with the result that most of our present exhibitors owe much of their success to his advice and encouragement. He was loved by all with whom he came in contact, and his passing leaves all

his Rose friends with a sense of personal loss.

In addition to the Rose **Editor Stewart**, named after him by Mr. Alister Clark, it is proposed to keep his memory green by the institution of the T. A. Stewart award, to be made at suitable intervals, to those in Australia and New Zealand who have given outstanding service in the interests of the Rose. To this end, a fund has been opened to which contributions are being invited from members of the societies concerned in the publication of the "Annual." It is fully anticipated that the amount received will be sufficient to enable the making of awards that will worthily commemorate this great rosarian.