

### THE T. A. STEWART MEMORIAL PLAQUE.

The T. A. Stewart Memorial Plaque for 1951 has been awarded to Dr. A. S. Thomas, of Melbourne. The main qualification necessary for this important award is that the winner shall be one who has given outstanding service in the interests of rose culture throughout Australia and New Zealand.

This year's recipient certainly fulfils this requirement in a high degree. Not only has he travelled through, and met rose lovers, in all of the States of Australia, but his recently published book, "Better Roses," has received acclaim throughout Australia and New Zealand, and further afield. The funds of the various societies have benefited considerably from the sales of this book. His writings in the Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual are looked forward to in both countries.

Dr. Thomas holds the position of Registrar of Rose Names in Australia and New Zealand, and he is constantly in touch with the Rose Societies of England and America in an effort to avoid duplication and alteration of rose names. He is a Past-President of the National Rose Society of Victoria, a position which he occupied with great credit for 11 years. At present, an active member of the Executive and a keen exhibitor, Dr. Thomas is an ornament to rose culture.



Dr. A. S. Thomas.