

ROBERT MAXWELL OGILVIE

Professor Ogilvie, co-editor of *Classical Quarterly* since the summer of 1976, died suddenly at St Andrews on 7 November 1981. He was forty-nine. His untimely death is a grievous blow to his family, his colleagues at St Andrews, and an unusually wide circle of pupils past and present, friends from many walks of life, and classical scholars. At a remarkably young age Robert Ogilvie achieved distinction as a Latinist and Roman historian, a humane man of letters, a don, and a schoolmaster. He was a brilliant lecturer, an educationalist passionately convinced of the good in Greek and Roman life and literature. The demands which others made on him were heavy, and he demanded much of himself.

His knowledge and interests extended from Homer to Christian Latin, and so he was a natural choice as an editor of *Classical Quarterly*. He was generous towards work which did not appeal to his essentially conservative tastes, and we never had any serious disagreements over the many difficult decisions we had to take. For five years we shared the editorial work, and it brought us great personal satisfaction. We met frequently and corresponded constantly. We were close friends. To him the journal meant one thing only – publishing, and improving, where he thought he could, the best material we were able to find. The mechanics of production, typography, and proof corrections were necessary evils. But he shirked nothing, and shouldered nearly the whole burden of the journal during a year in which I was absent in the United States.

His warmth as a person, and his fluency and sensitivity as a writer, enabled him to send letters of acceptance which caused great pleasure and letters of refusal which brought minimal pain. No trouble was too much for him if he could help a young scholar. He took particular interest in work submitted by people who had been less successful than himself in their professional careers. The *Classical Quarterly* was fortunate to have Robert Ogilvie as its editor.

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