



MASTER ROSE HEILBRON

When *Graya* was going to press came the news of the death of Dame Rose Heilbron. She was called to the Bar in 1939 and went to practise on the Northern Circuit where her ability and charm as an advocate were quickly recognised. From 1949, when she took Silk, to 1974, when she was appointed a High Court Judge, Rose Heilbron KC was universally acknowledged as one of the outstanding advocates of her generation. She was elected to the Bench by Gray's Inn in 1968 and was Treasurer in 1985; she was our first woman Bencher and first woman Treasurer. A writer in *Graya* in 1985 recalled the "striking good looks which characterised her as a student" and observed that they had in no way deserted her (as indeed can be seen in her portrait outside the Large Pension Room, reproduced above). She lived in the Inn from 1975 with her husband Dr Nathaniel Burstein. A full appreciation will appear in the next edition of *Graya*.