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**OBITUARY**

**Mr. PETER VALENTINE**

We heard with regret of the death of Mr. Peter Valentine in October 1977, at the age of 72. He joined B.A.S.M. in 1969, at a time when this Association was able to assist in the advancement of a physiological basis to training for competitive cycling, an aspect that had lagged behind other sports such as swimming, athletics, and even rowing. We welcomed Peter’s presence at many of our meetings, business and scientific, and his down-to-earth comments and questions that reminded us that one of our main jobs is to apply advances in medicine and science to the coach who will actually have to put theories into practice with his athletes. A fellow coach, Mr. R. W. E. Poole, writes:

“One of the first men to qualify as a cycling coach, the death of Peter Valentine was a great loss to the cycling world. He was responsible for many young cyclists being introduced to more scientific methods of training, and was a keen supporter of the B.A.S.M. When running a coaching course, whether for novices or would-be coaches, he left no stone unturned to ensure the success of the course, and above all, the comfort and well-being of the candidates. He always set an example of the very highest order, and even at the age of 70 was engaged actively in instructing gymnasium and weight training sessions for cyclists.”

His brother Robert and his family are establishing a memorial cup and medallions, to be competed for by young cyclists, and the first presentation of these awards took place at the Crystal Palace on August 25th 1978. We extend our sympathy to his family, but are delighted that his memory will be kept alive by these awards for the young sportsmen he did so much to encourage.