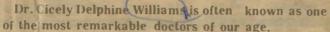
Dr. Cicely Williams:

One of the most remarkable doctors of our age



Jamaican Order of Merit, Dr. Colonial Medical Service in 1948 Williams is well known for her and returned to Jamaica when. distinguished work in the area from 1950-53 she pursued of maternal and child health research on vomiting sickness. and infant nutrition.

She was born in Bethel Town portant findings on the subject. in Westmoreland and went on to In 1969 she was awarded the throughout the world.

From there she went to Malaya where she was taken a prisoner of war when the Japanese occupied Singapore.

A recent recipient of the Dr. Williams retired from the This later led to several im-

study in the United Kingdom. Honorary D. Sc. from the UWI She then went on to work in the and was later to be awarded the Gold Coast (now Ghana) where James Spence Memorial Gold she was responsible for the Medal from the British identification and description Paediatric Association in 1965. of the disease "kwashiorkor", the Joseph Goldberger Award the protein deficiency which from the American Medical affects millions of babies at the Association in 1967, the weaning stage. Her classic Champion of the Order of St. observation on this illness has Michael and St. George in 1968 laid the foundation for ex- and the Martha Elliott Award tensive research on nutritional in Maternal and Child Health, diseases of childhood and for all the highest award from the child nutrition programmes American Public Health Association.

> Her brilliant career has taken her into the five continents and seventy countries and she has worked with the World Health ()rganisation (WHO), the

American University in Beirut, the Family planning Association in London, and the UWI. In December 1973 and 1974 she lectured to students in the Diploma in Community Nutrition Course in the Department of Social and Preventitive Medicine of the UWI and also gave public lectures on distinction in the sciences, arts, 'Kwashiorkor''

of the University of Maryland remarkable doctors of our age. School of Medicine.

The conferring of the Order of Merit on Doctor Williams has been a special honour in the light that the Order is limited to 15 living members, and since its institution only three has been awarded. It is reserved for Jamaican citizens who have received eminent international literature or other fields of Although 82 years old. Dr. learning. It is especially fitting Williams is still Professor and that the tribute should be Consultant in International presented in International Family Health at the Tulane Women's year to one who University School of Public overcame the strong prejudices Health and visiting Professor in against her sex in medicine to the Department of Paediatrics become one of the most