

Obituary

DR. G. REWCASTLE

MEDICAL CARE OF THE W.R.N.S.

Dr. Genevieve Rewcastle, O.B.E., whose death on Sunday has already been briefly reported, was Assistant Medical Director-General, W.R.N.S., for the whole period of the recent war.

She was *Attracta Genevieve*, daughter of Bartholomew Candon, of Roscommon, and was born and brought up in Ireland. She received her medical training at University College, Galway, and in Dublin and qualified M.B., B.Ch., at the National University of Ireland in 1921. After working as house physician at St. Ultan's Hospital, Dublin, she was appointed assistant school medical officer for Sheffield, and from 1932 to 1938 she was assistant to Dr. Donald Patterson at the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street.

A Roman Catholic, she took a prominent part in the affairs of the community and was president of the Catholic Women's League from 1934 to 1938 and chairman of the National Board of Catholic Women from 1945 to 1947. After retirement from her Admiralty appointment she resumed her work as a specialist in the diseases of women and children. She was a member of the Westminster City Council and of the housing committee of the L.C.C. and at the last General Election stood as a candidate in the Conservative interest for West Willesden, polling 17,848 votes. She married in 1926 Mr. C. S. Rewcastle, K.C., as his second wife.

Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Sheldon Dudley writes:—

Dr. Rewcastle was a most invaluable help and loyal supporter. A really wise woman, as well as a skilful doctor, whose common sense and tact in dealing with the numerous and complex problems involving the care and health of the female naval ratings and maintaining a friendly liaison between the Medical Director-General and the Director of W.R.N.S. deserved far more recognition than she ever received. It was a truly unique, difficult, and responsible job which none could have done better than Dr. Rewcastle.