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371 West Short Street,
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. Rankin :

I did not get a chance to more than give you the high sign of congratulation, at Cleveland, upon your election to the distinguished status of President-Elect of the American Medical Association. I don't know that any more than that is required, but I feel so appreciative of the thoughtfulness of the House of Delegates in handing this great office to one of our great Southern physicians, that I must say something about it to somebody, and perhaps a few written words of congratulation to you will give me an opportunity of letting off steam. I hadn't the remotest idea that your election was in prospect until Arthur McCormack advised me that it would not hurt his feelings if you were elected. We agreed that it wouldn't hurt anybody's feelings, and I don't imagine it did. I think that even you will agree that this was the most spontaneous election of a President that has ever happened in many a day.

Incidentally, Dr. L.H. Reeves of Fort Worth, advised me a day or so ago that you were going to be invited to visit our Fort Worth Clinic this Fall, October 8, I believe it is. I hope you will find it possible to accept the invitation. While this is not a very large event, it is certainly not small. There will be two or three hundred doctors centering around Fort Worth, hungry for medical knowledge, and they will appreciate hearing from you, and they will listen to you. I believe Dr. Charlie Mayo has agreed to spend a day with us, and I think Dr. Harris, I have forgotten his initials, formerly a teacher in Vanderbilt University, will also be a guest speaker for the occasion. I told Dr. Reeves I didn't imagine you would be able to get away for a meeting so restricted, but thinking the matter over, I really believe it will be an opportunity for you, if you can spare the time for it. However, I started out merely to drop you a line of congratulation and appreciation.

With personal regards,

Fraternally yours,

HT-BC

cc: Dr. L.H. Reeves
Dr. C.P. Schenck.

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