

DR. FRED WHARTON RANKIN—PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The House of Delegates of the American Medical Association has elected a graduate of the School of Medicine of the University of Maryland to the highest honor in the province of scientific medicine. Dr. Rankin has participated notably in the affairs of the American Medical Association and of many other scientific bodies. He was born in Mooresville, North Carolina on December 20, 1886. After receiving his bachelor of arts degree from Davidson College in 1905 he received his degree of doctor of medicine from the University of Maryland in 1909 and the degree of master of arts from St. John's College in 1913. He was also made honorable doctor of sciences by Davidson College, his alma mater, in 1937, and honorary doctor of laws by the University of Maryland in 1939.

Following his graduation in medicine Dr. Rankin became a resident surgeon at the University Hospital from 1909 to 1912, and served as assistant demonstrator of anatomy and associate in surgery at the School of Medicine of the University of Maryland from 1913 to 1916. He then joined the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, acting as assistant surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital from 1916 to 1923. He was professor of surgery at the University of Louisville, 1922-23, and served as surgeon to the Mayo Clinic and as associate professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Mayo Foundation, from 1926 to 1933. He then removed to Lexington, Kentucky, where he became surgeon to St. Joseph's and the Good Samaritan Hospitals, with which he has been associated since January 1, 1934. Dr. Rankin also is Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Louisville. In the World War he served as a major in the Medical Corps for seventeen months and was attached to the First Army Corps, 4th and 26th divisions in France, as commanding officer of Base Hospital No. 26. He is now a colonel in the Medical Reserve Corps.

Dr. Rankin has been honored by many medical organizations, including the presidency of the Southern Surgical Association and the Southeastern Surgical Congress. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the American Surgical Association, American Proctologic Society, Eastern and Western Surgical Associations, Southern Medical Association, and many surgical clubs and medical fraternities. He was one of the founder members of the American Board of Surgery, representing in that body the Section on Surgery of the American Medical Association. His contributions to medical literature include a monograph on "Surgery of the Colon"; a work on "The Colon, Rectum and Anus," published in 1932 jointly with Drs. J. A. Bargen and L. A. Buie, and a work on "Cancer of the Colon and Rectum," published with Dr. A. S. Graham in 1939.