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**FREDERIC WHARTON RANKIN—
PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Again a surgeon of international repute has been elected by the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association to the highest honor in the province of scientific medicine. Again the House of Delegates recognized service to organized medicine: the physician selected is one who has participated notably in the affairs of the American Medical Association and of many other scientific bodies. Dr. Rankin was born in Mooresville, N. C., on Dec. 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 honorary doctor of sciences by Davidson College, his alma mater, in 1937, and honorary LL.D. by the University of Maryland in 1939. Following his graduation in medicine he became a resident surgeon at the University Hospital in Baltimore from 1909 to 1912 and served as assistant demonstrator of anatomy and associate in surgery at the University of Maryland Medical School from 1913 to 1916. He then joined the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., acting as assistant surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital, 1916-1923. He was professor of surgery at the University of Louisville, 1922-1923, and served as surgeon to the Mayo Clinic and as associate professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Mayo Foundation, 1926-1933. He then removed to Lexington, Ky., where he became surgeon to St. Joseph's and the Good Samaritan hospitals, with which he has been associated since Jan. 1, 1934. In the World War Dr. Rankin 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. He 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. Bargaen and L. A. Buie, and a work on "Cancer of the Colon and Rectum," published with A. S. Graham in 1939. He has also contributed chapters on surgery of the colon, with particular reference to carcinoma, in several systems of surgery. In the American Medical Association Dr.