## **EDITORIALS**

## KENTUCKY HONORED THROUGH DR. RANKIN

The leadership of Kentucky medicine was again recognized by the American Medical Association when Dr. F. W. Rankin, of Lexington, was made president-elect at the recent Cleveland session. Dr. Rankin will succeed Dr. Frank Lahey, or Boston, at the 1942 session.

Dr. Rankin was born in North Carolina, was graduated from the School of Medicine of the University of Maryland in 1909 and was a surgeon on the staff of the Mayo Clinic for several years. He spent one year as Professor of Surgery at the University of Louisville, School of Medicine and was recently elected Clinical Professor of Surgery in our medical school.

During World War 1 he served as a Major in the Medical Corps and was the commanding officer of a base hospital in France. He is now a Colonel in the Reserve Corps. He is past president of the Southern Surgical Association and the Southeastern Surgical Congress. In the American Medical Association, he has for a number of years been a member of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals and Chairman and Secretary of the Section on Abdominal Surgery and a member of the House of Delegates from this section. He is at present a member of the Committee on Medical Preparedness. Dr. Rankin has been a prolific writer of clinical and scientific surgical articles in medical publications and is co-author of two books.

Dr. Rankin as a surgeon is as well known as any other member of the medical profession in America.