Dr. Fred W. Rankin Named to Head A.M.A.



Dr. Fred W. Rankin of Lexington, Ky., who has been named president-elect of the American Medical association. Dr. Rankin, former Mayo Clinic surgeon, will take office in 1942.

Former Clinic Surgeon to Take Office in 1942

Dr. Fred Wharton Rankin of Lexington, Ky., formerly of Rochester, was named president-elect of the American Medical association at a meeting of its house of delegates in Cleveland yesterday. He will succeed Dr. Frank H. Lahey in 1942.

Dr. Rankin, whose wife is the former Edith Mayo, daughter of the late Dr. C. H. Mayo and Mrs. Mayo, was head of a section in the division of surgery in the Mayo Clinic from July 1, 1926, to January 1, 1933.

NATIVE OF CAROLINA

A native of Moorseville, N. C., he was graduated from the University of Maryland school of medicine in Baltimore in 1909 and completed his internship in 1912.

From 1913 to 1916, he practiced in Baltimore. He received an M. A. degree from St. John's college, Baltimore, in 1915.

In late 1916, Dr. Rankin entered the Mayo Foundation as a fellow in surgery. His service, which was interrupted by the war, consisted of surgery, four years and seven months.

During the World war he served as a major with the medical corps American Expeditionary Force, being attached to the fourth and twenty-sixth combat divisions. Later he was commanding officer of Base Hospital 26, which was staffed by Mayo Clinic and University of Minnesota men.

NAMED PROFESSOR

After the war he returned to the Mayo Foundation, remaining here until January 1, 1923, when he left to become professor of surgery at the University of Louisville school of medicine and chief of the surgical staff of the City hospital, Louisville.

A year later he became surgeon to the Lexington Clinic, Lexington, Ky., and two and a half years after that he returned to Rochester to head a section in the dision of surgery. Upon leaving here in 1933, he returned to Lexington.

Recently he was appointed clinical professor of surgery at the University of Louisville school of medicine, the appointment taking effect as of July 1. He will continue his practice in Lexington while carrying on his new duties at the medical school.

AUTHOR OF 3 TEXTS

Dr. Rankin is the author of three textbooks on surgery and of many published papers upon clinical and

operative surgery. He is a colonel in the medical reserve of the U. S. army. He has served as president of the Southeastern Surgical Con-

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