

Again quoting from the same issue of the Courier-Journal: "The first one, 'The American College', came in 1908, and was the result of his studies in Europe and America. In it he pointed out some defects in American education and suggested the remedies (many of which have been adopted) also indicating hopeful lines of development in American education.

"Medical education, his special study, was the subject of two companion books that appeared at intervals of a couple of years, 'Medical Education' and 'Medical Education in Europe', and since that time four more books have borne his signature, 'Prostitution in Europe', 'A Modern School', 'A Modern College', and 'Public Education in Maryland'.

"I suppose", he said, "it's the usual thing to say that you like the old home town, but you can say this for me-- that I avoid publicity, and if it weren't for Louisville I wouldn't do it at all."

The Louisville Herald Post of September 21, 1928, remarks: "Those who expected that Dr. Abraham Flexner would be less heard from after resigning from the General Education Board are mistaken. The step was taken to expand his work and to be free to tilt with any ideas he felt needed overturning. His latest remarks to be widely quoted are those concerning racial characteristics and the 'melting pot' itself. Short-sighted reformers think they would help matters if they were to disintegrate these racial groups as fast as possible. To destroy the contribution of these groups would be to take away something important from our too barren civilization. If the folk lore and the culture of these races were obliterated, the Nation would lose instead of gaining.

"The words are more than welcome in a time when groups of self-appointed missionaries of Americanism are trying to make us believe that true patriotism is dependent on the whole population being reduced to something as like a row of houses in a cheap subdivision."

Quoting from a review of Universities, American, English, German, in the Saturday Review of Literature of November 29, 1930: "A great subject to be covered in three hundred and fifty pages were this the systematic treatise we might be led to expect by the title and the name and reputation of the distinguished author. This book is, however, no Rashdall, no Paulsen, no standard text on an all-important subject. Change the title to 'University Foibles, 1930 Edition', and you will not be bewildered when you enter and find not a scientific lecture but an up-to-the-minute 'Revue'. Not that the mirrors are not well polished, not that it is not full of fun and full of exposure, but you must come in the proper mood. For in this volume Dr. Flexner in the brief interval of freedom between the harness of a foundation, and that of a prospective university presidency, takes his fling.