Luncheon In Honor Of
Dr. Harry D. Gideonse
On The Occasion Of
His Twenty-Five Years As
President of
Brooklyn College
of
The City University of New York
Greetings
from
Hon. Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman, The Board of Higher Education

As the senior among the college presidents in The City University of New York, President Gideon has a quarter century of experience and observation dating from the days when Brooklyn was the youngest of the colleges to this day when the young City University embraces four senior or four-year colleges and six community or two-year colleges, two of which are on the threshold of their first semesters.

Twenty-five years is a short time in the life of a college but a long time in the life of a college president. Few presidents remain the active, vigorously directing heads of their institutions throughout twenty-five years, nor do they constantly increase their power and perception as he has done, compounding his effectiveness.

Brooklyn College has a momentum now that in itself is a tribute to his leadership. Its growth is measured in every dimension referable to the community it serves—in numbers to meet the rising demand of young people, in enrichment of the curriculum to meet the needs of society for personnel trained in many areas, in extended development in the preparation of teachers, in maintenance of a healthy regard for the liberal arts and in the offering of graduate work through the doctorate. Faculty members have been carefully chosen to support this education in depth and this expansion. The end-product of the college, the graduates, have fully justified every effort made, earning for themselves and their alma mater the respect of sister colleges and of graduate and professional schools in the United States and Europe. Harry Gideon has literally created Brooklyn College as all acknowledge who have throughout the years had intimate knowledge of the steps taken and of the concern and insight they required.

Honors in recognition of his standing in the college-university community have been showered on President Gideon by organizations, institutions, and governments. In his home city of New York he continues substantial service to civic and professional groups. Freedom House is an illustration of his lively devotion to man and his dignity.

In my name and on behalf of my Board associates and of its staff, I warmly salute Harry Gideon on this unusual and happy occasion. We acknowledge our debt of gratitude to him. We wish him continued health and satisfaction in the years ahead, all of which, we know, he will make fruitful in work and accomplishment.
Greetings
from
Hon. Adlai Stevenson, United States Representative to the United Nations

Dear Harry:

It is a great disappointment to me that I cannot join the distinguished gathering to pay you richly deserved honors. In twenty-five years of enlightened and dedicated service, you have contributed most significantly to the excellence of free higher education in New York City, and, by example, in the country and the world.

Nietzsche once said, "In large states public education will always be mediocre, for the same reason that in large kitchens the cooking is usually bad." All of us, in this age when learning is ever more needed and ever more challenging, can be grateful to you for having helped to prove him wrong.

With my best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Adlai E. Stevenson

Hon. Simon H. Rifkind, Member, Board of Higher Education

Your contributions to Brooklyn College and to the Colleges of the City of New York as a whole have been so magnificent and conspicuous that any citizen ought to be proud to have the opportunity to participate in any event which does you honor. I am chagrined that on the 9th of May I shall be in the city of Tokyo and therefore deprived of the pleasure of being with you.

Greetings
from
Dr. Jay E. Greene, President of The Alumni Association of Brooklyn College

When the first New York City municipal college opened its doors in 1847, Townsend Harris said, "Open the doors to all, Let the children of the rich and the poor take their seats together and know of no distinction save that of industry, good conduct and intellect."

Harry D. Gideonse, in his 25 years as President of Brooklyn College, has followed this guiding principle. Under his leadership the development of mind and spirit has flourished at Brooklyn College. Faculty members who demonstrated the ability to stimulate and challenge the mind and spirit were sought out and urged to come to Brooklyn College from all over the world, creating a diversity of ideas and background that are essential in a true university. Dr. Gideonse himself contributed to the challenge of ideas. He has never dodged a controversial issue, has never hesitated to speak out loud and clear in presenting views that were incisive, logical and forward-looking. His intention was often to rouse the slothful from a coma of smug satisfaction—and he invariably succeeded. Under the guidance of Harry Gideonse, Brooklyn College has assumed a distinguished place among the great institutions of higher learning in our country. The Brooklyn College alumni wish to express their gratitude to Dr. Gideonse for his fruitful efforts and to wish him continued success and happiness in the future.
Luncheon Program

The Star Spangled Banner
Bianca Sauler '66
Marcia Gitron '66, Accompanist

Invocation
Very Reverend Robert I. Gannon, S.J.,
former President, Fordham University

Address
Dr. James E. Allen, Jr.,
Commissioner of Education,
State of New York

Remarks
Dr. Walter H. Mais,
Dean of the Faculties,
Brooklyn College

Response
President Gideon

Presiding: Dean Francis P. Kilcoyne
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of the Brooklyn College Staffs
some of whom served prior to 1950 on the staffs of City and Hunter Colleges, from the Brooklyn branches of which the third four-year college, Brooklyn, was organized.

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