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John Carroll University, Cleveland, dinner welcoming new
president of JCU, Rev. Benedict J. Rodman, 1928.

1. I regard it as a privilege to have been invited to participate in the civic welcome which is being extended to the new Rector of J.C. University - Mr. Rodman. I share with you the great satisfaction of knowing that ~~the great J.C. U. will be~~ ^{the great satisfaction of knowing} ~~that Mr. Rodman will be~~ ^{that Mr. Rodman will be} ~~graced by a man of~~ ^{graced by a man of} renowned scholarship and ability, and that in the intell. life of our ^{university} ~~community~~ will be enriched by his accession. (coming into our midst)

2. ~~The~~ It is quite in keeping with the enviable traditions of your great church that J.C. is what it is, and that Mr. Rodman is what he is. Outstanding among the contributions of the Cath. Church to civilization has been is the fact that it has always been the magnet point of learning. Some people whose minds reflect the knowledge ^{chiefly} ~~of~~ of a generation or two but not of whole epochs, ^{or such as have a faint recollection of} ~~seem to be~~ ignorant of this fact, a vision of ignorance. - The Church not only kept the people ^{together} ~~planned~~ of learning alive during the chaotic centuries ^{when} ~~where~~ the collapse of Latin civilization, but in the quiet and more orderly ~~centuries~~ ^{times} of a later age, it builded universities, established libraries, financed ~~supported~~ ^{supported} scholars, and zealously stimulated all branches of human knowledge.

and nationalistic ambitions, peoples have been
rather predatory, exploiting and belligerent.
As regards race, people have been & in
many instances still are, quite horribly
superstitious and beset with dark, primi-
tive obsessions. Even in theology, peoples
have been rather exclusive & narrow spirited.
But in the realm of learning, they were glad
to give & take, borrow & exchange, appropriate
and impart - quite regardless of what
the source was within the boundaries -
Europe borrowed knowledge, science, philosophy,
inventions, gladly & voraciously from China,
India, Persia, Egypt, Greece, Rome, from
Nepal, Persia, Saracens & Jew - and
as gladly shared its knowledge.

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4. The Revival of learning in Europe, ^{in the 12th & 13th} was
greatly stimulated by the Latin translations
^{made by Jews} of Arabic works on philo. &c.
which were made by Jews and which
the Arabs had borrowed from the ancient
Greeks. Such is the universality & catholic-
ity of human knowledge. It knows
neither race nor creed & it knows
no barriers & boundaries.

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Reception and Dinner

given in honor of

Rev. Benedict J. Rodman, S.J.

President of

John Carroll University



At Hotel Clebeland

September twenty-six, nineteen hundred twenty-eight

Musical Programme

Mr. Vincent St. John *Soloist*

Mr. Albert Bieringer *Accompanist*



Orchestral Music by

Johnston's Society Orchestra

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Consomme Madrilene

Queen Olives

Radishes

Fried Chicken — Mammy Chloe

Candied Sweet Potato



Golden Bantam Fritter

Head Lettuce

Thousand Island Dressing

Peach Ice Cream

Assorted Cakes

Large Coffee

Addresses of Welcome

Mr. Richard J. Moriarty, *Toastmaster*

Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D.D., *Bishop of Cleveland*

Hon. William R. Hopkins, *City Manager*

Robert E. Vinson, D.D., LL.D., *President Western Reserve University*

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, *The Temple*

Mr. Allard Smith, *President Chamber of Commerce*

Response

Reverend Benedict J. Rodman, S. J., *President John Carroll University*

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Mr. Richard J. Moriarty, *Chairman*

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Mr. William J. Corrigan

Mr. Patrick J. McDonnell

1. And the type of Edue. which is being
carried on in great Cath. Schools
of learning =

2. one, most scrupulous -

