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At a meeting of the Senior Class of Brown University, held in the Committee Room of the First Baptist Meeting-House, it was unanimously

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E. B. HAMLIN, } *Committee.*
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THE UNITY OF HUMANITY, THE FOUNDATION PRINCIPLE OF MODERN CIVILIZATION.

An Oration:

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The Unity of Humanity, the Foundation Principle of Modern Civilization.

CIVILIZATION is a fact. It is the result of human action as a whole. It is based on certain principles, and these principles determine its character. The civilization of a nation, country or age is embodied in public institutions and polity, and in the moral and intellectual ideas promulgated by individuals. As society to-day is the expression of a distinct civilization, and as many of you are about to assume an active part as members of society, we have thought it appropriate to call your attention to the fundamental principle of modern civilization.

We say modern civilization, because at different periods of the world's history several distinct forms of civilization have appeared. Among the Hebrews the pure theocracy prevailed, constituting the people a religious body. The State was only an appendage to the Church, and political development an almost unheard of phenomenon. Among the Egyptians, Hindoos, and several other Eastern nations, existed a semi-theocratic civilization, marked by the tyranny of religious caste, which enervated the people, checked progress, and gave to Eastern civilization its characteristic features of torpidity and immobility. In Greek civilization the social principle was the controlling idea. It gave to Greek art and literature the unity and perfection which so powerfully influenced subsequent generations, though it