

MR. BAITEY REPLIES TO MR. WOOD.

"THE DIVINITY OF

A lecture which has been of much interest by Christians of

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touching the kingdom of Chri

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also—something fixed and immovable upon which the superstructure of society can rest with perfect security. We cannot attach any value to the correct meaning of the

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—that it is the foundation accepted by the largest number of intelligent persons.

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...the interest of religion would not enter upon such a task without very

[illegible]

What we are met, however, to-night is a new basis of religion that is distinctible, and is supposed to be found in the nature and in human consciousness.

on this basis would conciliate a
 crever, so worthy of the notice of
 the world. The first objection that we
 present this as a basis of religion is
 that it is a *disestablished* religion. As the doctrine is
 is something that has not been
 established by any authority, we
 wish to assert this—that there is
 no authority that can establish it.
 to accept such a basis of religion,
 work, there is no book, as the far
 any of the sacred books of the
 point out, even in theory, the data
 religion founded upon nature are
 any foundation for religion. Our
 attempt has been to show in a
 basis. (Applause.) Nor are we
 any basis for religion. We are
 to exist this foundation and
 the basis of religion is the law
 a basis of religious belief how can
 principle of consciousness and the
 principle of nature, we are only
 in our own minds; we know
 we sense; we feel; we think;
 we are conscious of our own
 to obtain light, we
 to the object of religion, the
 to the object of religion, the
 a guide to every man, then every
 man is in that light in which it
 is a guide to every man, then every
 teaching. (Hear, hear.) Man's
 teaching is very important. The great
 beyond the precincts of the locality
 he dweller in Greenland sees the
 tropical regions are subject to the rays
 sun, whilst we who live in the

