Notes on Bible Words.

No. XVIII.—"DAYSMAK.

In Job ix. 33, "Neither is there any daysman betwixt us," the margin runs: Heb., one that should argue: or, umpire. "Daysman," as we see in some ancient writers, stood for "arbitrator," or, "judge." Thus, Spenser (F. Queene, ii., 8, 28):

For what art thou,
That mak'st thyselfe his days-man to prolong
The vengeance prest?

In 1 Cor. iv. 4 "man's judgment" is literally "man's day," human scrutiny or trial.

1 Tim. ii. 5. Vulg., mediator, μεσιτής: "one mediator between God and men, Himself man, Christ Jesus." This word μεσιτής (one who intervenes between two), "arbitrator," is found once in the Sept., Job ix. 33. The Hebrew word, נב, elsewhere to reason, reprove, decide, is in Job ix. 33 (as in Gen. xxxi. 37), "to be arbiter between."

Short Notices.


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1 An aspiration for a mediator; Arbiter ad componendam causam. St. Aug. See Chalmers's fine sermon on this passage. (Sp. Com.).—The Sept. runs: Εὖβα γὰ κοτὶ μεσιτὴς ὁμοίος.

2 "Man's doom." Coryb. and H. "This use of 'day' is peculiar to St. Paul; so that Jerome calls it a Ciliciam." See 1 Thess. v. 4.