

Notes on Bible Words.

No. XVIII.—“DAYSMAN.”

IN Job ix. 33, “Neither is there any daysman betwixt us,” the margin runs: Heb., *one that should argue*: or, *umpire*.¹ “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 dayes-man to prolong
The vengeaunce prest?

In 1 Cor. iv. 4 “man’s judgment” is literally “man’s *day*,” human scrutiny or trial.²

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

Short Notices.

A Cyclopædia of Nature Teachings. A selection of Facts, Observations, Suggestions, Meditations, Examples, and Illustrative Hints, from all departments, for Man with Nature. With an Introduction by HUGH MACMILLAN, LL.D., F.R.S.E. Pp. 544. Elliot Stock, 1892.

A N interesting and useful book. The author of “Bible Teachings in Nature,” Dr. Macmillan, gives it cordial commendation.

Theodor Christlieb, D.D., of Bonn. Memoir by his Widow, and Sermons. Pp. 450. Hodder and Stoughton, 1892.

Of this interesting volume the Memoir takes up eighty-four pages. There are nineteen Sermons, translated chiefly by two friends of the eloquent and honoured preacher, Canons Kingsbury and Garratt.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, we notice with pleasure, has published a second edition of the Lectures on *The Authenticity of the Gospel of St. Luke*, by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The volume of the *Church-Worker* for 1891, published by the Church Sunday-School Institute, contains much that is useful. We are always pleased to invite attention to the *Church-Worker*, one of the useful Magazines of an excellent Society.

The *Thinker*, No. 2 (Nisbet), is an improvement on the first number ;

¹ An aspiration for a MEDIATOR; Arbitrator ad componendam causam. St. Aug. See Chalmers’s fine sermon on this passage. (*Sp. Com.*).—The Sept. runs: Εἶθε ἢν ὁ μεσίτης ἡμῶν.

² “Man’s doom.” Conybe. and H. “This use of ‘day’ is peculiar to St. Paul; so that Jerome calls it a *Cilicium*.” See 1 Thess. v. 4.