BEYTILL, m. fescue-grass (?), cf. 'góibeytill'.

BEZT (older 'bazt'), adv., superl. to 'vel', best; b. búinn, best equipted; b. allra manna, best of all men.

BEZTR (older 'baztr'), a. superl., see 'betri'.

BIBLIA, f. the Bible; also 'biflía'.

BIĐ, n. pl. waiting, delay; góðr í bíðum, patient.

BIĐA (AĐ), v. to wait; b. e-s, to wait for (þeir biðuðu þeirra).

BIĐA, f. awaiting (rare).

BIĐAN, f. delay, biding.

BIÐ-ANGR, m. = biðan, biðvangr.

BIÐILL (pl. BIÐLAR), m. wooer, suitor.

BIĐJA (BIĐ; BAĐ, BÁĐUM; BEĐINN), V. (1) to ask, beg a thing of one (b. e-n es); with infin., to beg one to do a thing; inn bið þú hann ganga, ask him to step in; with the infin. sign 'at', to beg leave; bior hann at fara norðr á Hálogaland, asked for furlough to go to H.; with 'at' and a subj. (biðja viljum vér, at þú sér í liðsbóninni með oss); b. e-s, to beg for a thing (b. miskunnar, matar); b. e-m e-s, to beg for a thing on behalf of one; b. e-m lifs, griða, to beg for one's life, to sue for quarter for another; b. sér ölmusu, to ask for alms; b. (sér) konu, to ask in marriage; b. fyrir e-m, to intercede (pray) for one; (2) to pray to God (b. til guðs); b. bæn sína (bænar sinnar, boen sinni), to say one's prayer; (3) refl., biðjast fyrir, to say one's prayers; b. undan, to excuse oneself (from doing a thing).

BIĐ-LEIKA (AĐ), v. to wait, stay, tarry (= 'biða').

BIÐ-LUND, f. forbearance, patience.

BIÐLUNDAR-GÓÐR, a. patient; -MÁL, n. a matter that can wait.

BIĐ-LYNDI, n., -STÓLL, m. (rare), = bið-lund.

BIĐ-STUND, f. time passed in waiting delay, respite.

BIÐSTUNDAR-TÍMI, m. = biðstund.

BIÐ-VANGR, m. = biðangr.

BIFAST (ð and að), v. refl. (1) to shake, tremble (allr Ása salr undir bifðist); (2) to be moved; vagninn bifast hvergi, cannot be moved.

BIF-RÖST, f. poet., mythical name of the rainbow.

BIK, n. pitch (svartr sem b.; biki svartari); BIKA (AĐ), v. to pitch.

BIKARR, m. large drinking cup, beaker (cf. 'sáttar-bikarr').

віккја, f. bitch (= grey, tík).

BIKKJA (-TA, -TR), v. to plunge into water; hann bikkti sér út af borðinu, hann bikkti í sjóinn, he plunged overboard.

BIKKJU-HVELPR, m. bitch's whelp; -SONR, m. son of a bitch; -STAKKR, m. skin of a bitch.

BIL, n. (1) an open space left (b. er þarna); (2) moment; þat bil, that very moment; í því bili, at the same moment, just then.

BILA (AĐ), v. (1) to give way, break, crack; þá er skipit hljóp af stokkunum, þá bilaði í skarar nökkurar, some of the seams gave way; (2) with dat., flestum bilar áræðit, most people lose heart; with infin., Þórr vill fyrir engan mun b. at koma til einvígis, Th. will by no means fail to meet; (3) impers., hug ok áræði mun mik aldregi b., I shall never be wanting in courage and pluck.

BIL-BUGR, m. failing of heart, giving way; láta engan -bug á sér sjá, to show no sign of fear, stand firm.

BILT, a. n., only in the phrase, e-m