

CHAFF.

TEACHER.—“Compare the adjective ‘ill.’” Scholar (thoughtfully).—“Positive ‘ill,’ comparative ‘worse,’ superlative ‘dead.’”

A DEALER in cheap shoes in his advertisement says: “Ladies wishing these cheap shoes will do well to call soon, as they will not last long.”

THE curtailment of an obituary notice is a delicate matter. Dr. Davis, the editor of the *Messenger*, says: “We once offended a brother by changing a sentence, and yet the only thing we cut out was the announcement that some old mother in Israel had died of *cholera infantum*.”

REMARKABLE SCIENTIFIC FACTS.—You can’t turn a crank in the right direction. The first thing in a boot is the last. Universal experience has shown that we always put on the *left* shoe last. Why? “Misfortunes and twins never come singly.” A tailor suits his customers best when he gives them fits.

THE following is a *bona fide* obituary notice published in one of our provincial papers, written by a local poet:—

“Lines on Adam Hodgkinson, who was drowned in the Thames, at Ingersoll, June 27th, 1885, he being one of a family of sixteen, fifteen of whom were sons:

“Annually the River Thames
Its tribute numerous victims claims;
In spots it harmless seems to run,
It seized upon young Hodgkinson,
The fourteenth son of his mother,
And still unto her another
Son was born, but fond mother’s heart
It sadly grieved with one to part.”

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CURIOSITIES.

- A. “I dare do all that may become a man;
Who dares do more is none.”

Translations by Entrance candidates:—

1. A man must do all he can, or he is no man.
2. I can do as much as anybody else, and I am no man.
3. He is not a man at all unless he dares to be a man.