COMPOSITIONS.

"My dear Teacher Toads are funny Things they have long legs and they can leap verry Far they sleep on the ground and grassy banks of to her grave. During the last of Brooks they get there Food by slyness they will lye down in the Sun where the Grashoppers come they lye their and appeare to be asleap and a Grashopper comes Up and all at once they feal themselves caught and Swallowed the color of the toad is Brown with black strips all up and 9th, 1871, and yet strange to relate, down its Back. its eyes are green two gentlemen claim that the chamwith green Eyelids. I cant write eny more so good Bye Willie L Edwards."

"nat's very good, indeed," said Walter's mother; "but I see a good many mistakes in spelling. Hadn't you better correct them?"

"O, no! The teacher'll mark 'em," he replied, carelessly.

Walter's was not as long. It was

toad can spit fire see how he trys to you will have wats and it has a little parted. head so good by "Walter James Simmons."

REV. Henry Highland Garrett, D. D., formerly of Avery College, Allegheny City, but now pastor of Shiloh church, New York city, has been invited to assume the office of President of Alcorn University at Rodney, Miss., vice ex-Senator Revels, at the salary of \$2500 and a furnished house; but owing to the struggling condition of his church, Dr. Garnet has felt it his duty to accept the flatter-

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