

*Hiram Ladd Spencer.*

the pursuit of fame and fortune he died, and that great book of ours reposed on the top shelf in my book case. Had poor Cheever lived I am sure he would have been heard of; he was the most patient and brightest of us all. Later I wrote anonymously, both in prose and 'alleged verse,' in the village newspaper, and after a time secured a position on the more pretentious county newspaper, which I retained for a number of years. The history of Rasselas, by Dr. Johnson, is but the story of human life. 'Ye who listen with credulity to the whispers of fancy, and pursue with eagerness the phantoms of hope; who expect that age will perform the promises of youth, and that the deficiencies of the present day will be supplied by the morrow; attend to the history of Rasselas, Prince of Abyssinia.' "

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