

### *Hiram Ladd Spencer.*

had begun to write in the early forties, and became a contributor to the Knickerbocker, Sartain's and Graham's Magazines. Later he wrote for the New York Tribune and Post, and the Boston Journal. Mr. Spencer was editor of the Rutland (Vt) Herald in 1850.

Mr. Spencer became a resident of St. John in 1863 and was engaged for several years in business pursuits. For a time he edited the Maritime Monthly, an excellent magazine, but which was too ambitious for that period in this province. He then entered upon daily newspaper work, and for years was a valued member of the staff of the St. John Telegraph and Sun, and later of the Record and Gazette.

During this period he conducted general correspondence for other papers. This work was chiefly associated with the news of the day, although portions of it were purely literary in character and marked by genuine ability and great charm of expression. Mr. Spencer's few publications were :—Poems, (1848) ; Summer Saunterings Away Down East, (1850) ; A Song of the Years, and a Memory of Acadia, (1889) ; and a small volume of poems at a later period. A year or two since he retired to the home of a friend at Whitehead, Kings county, where he has conducted a little store, and during his long hours of leisure has contributed charming sketches to the daily press.

The Boston Globe last year asked for information concerning Mr. Spencer, and printed a portrait and a sketch of his life, and some of his best known poems. It is a high tribute to him that in an English book of selected poems, all of the highest class, issued some years ago, there is found one from the pen of Mr. Spencer. His poems are of value not merely for their fine sentiment and graceful form, but for that which they suggest, and