

NOTE

Dr Dawbarn was Professor of Surgery at New York Polyclinic Medical School and Surgeon to the City Hospital, New York.

1. First printed in the *Civil and Military Gazette*, 26 Sep 1884, and collected in *Plain Tales from the Hills* (1888).

‘Bumptious and Above his Station’*

GEORGE SEAVER

Whilst Younghusband was engaged with his work on the Staff of the QMG,¹ newspaper reporters would flock to the office for information. Among them was a very dark young man with bushy eyebrows, large spectacles, and unhealthy appearance, named Rudyard Kipling, in search of copy for the *Civil and Military Gazette* of Lahore. ‘He was looked upon with great disfavour by Staff officers as being bumptious and above his station.’ When in later years Younghusband came to recognise him for what he was, a supreme literary genius and a poet of Empire, he said that he admired the manner rather than the matter of his work, both in prose and verse.

NOTE

George Fenn Seaver (b. 1890) wrote three books on Edward Wilson, naturalist and friend, and books on Nicolas Berdyaev and Scott of the Antarctic.

1. Quarter Master-General.

* *Francis Younghusband: Explorer and Mystic* (London: John Murray, 1951) pp. 36–8.