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Kipling Again.

By Prof. Reynolds.

I have read with much pleasure Mr. McCallan's appreciative article on Kipling, in last month's Review. Mr. McCallan as a student exhibited superior literary tastes, and it is gratifying to note that he continues to be a student of the best literature, and that, moreover, his good taste readily distinguishes the pure from the spurious, and the good from the bad. That part of Kipling's work which is distinctly inferior Mr. McCallan detects and admits, while claiming for his favorite great power and originality. As Mr. McCallan's estimate concurs substantially with my own, as expressed in the article to which he refers, I cannot clearly see why my estimate of Kipling should be so disappointing, as Mr. McCallan says it is. I chose to be "thrifty with my praise" because nearly everybody else has been prodigal with that commodity. To praise the Imperialist when everybody else was praising him would be nothing but tiresome reiteration of a partial and one-sided truth. To insist on his faults and shortcomings when he is enjoying such tremendous vogue may only provoke the cynical suggestion that Amos had