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Gide Remembers Wilde

OSCAR WILDE by Andre Gide: Philosophical Library, New York, \$2.75, 50 pages.

This is the first published translation of two brief essays written by Gide in the first decade of this century, only a few years after Wilde's death. One is a kind of memoir of Gide's few personal meetings with Wilde and the other is a discussion of the latter as a writer, using *De Profundis* as a springboard.

The former ~~contains~~ ^{JULY 13} some extremely perceptive glimpses into the life and character of a strange, controversial figure; the latter will be of some interest to persons interested in the literary point of view of both Wilde and Gide. But the appeal of the whole book is rather special, and its contribution to the subject, either as biography or criticism would seem to be minor.

--Reviewed by W. C. G.