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Oscar Wilde, In Memoriam (Reminiscences). De Profundis, by Andre Gide. Tr. from the French by Bernard Frechtman. Published by Philosophical Library. Non-fiction. \$2.75.

Presumably anything that a writer of the stature of Andre Gide, recent Nobel prize winner, has to say in print is worth attention. Especially this would seem to be the case when the subject of his discourse is his personal relations with Oscar Wilde, both before and after the latter's trial and term in jail.

Unfortunately, Gide has little either new or significant to add to what is already known about the unfortunate Wilde. In his Foreward, Gide is quite honest; he warns his readers that what he is presenting is neither a biography nor a study of Wilde's works, but merely an assembling of two sketches written (and since unchanged) in 1901 and 1905. They comprise some fifty pages of relatively interesting reminiscences.—C. E.

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