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## INTRODUCTION

**S**TROLLING in the rare sunshine that visited Berlin in the spring of 1905, chance took me into a quaint little bookshop that faces what was once the workshop of venerable Joseph Joachim. There, among that litter of old and new, in all tongues, I found crystallised what much other observation had already hinted. Namely, that upon the continental literature concerning itself primarily with formal art no exotic influence was more noticeable than that of Oscar Wilde. Outside influence upon the German