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Excerpt: . Ill THE DRAMAS OF THE PERIOD BEFORE 1848 To comprehend my intention became ever more clearly the principal object I had in view. Richard Wagner. IF we now look back, from this point of view, on the works which were composed before 1848, we shall find that we have gained quite a new comprehension of them. We shall then be able to pass on them a critical judgment which has nothing in common with the usual praise and blame, but one whose every assertion signifies some true insight. The reader, I trust, will by this time have realised the justification of what was said at the beginning, namely, that Wagner only made use of opera because he needed a musical and scenic apparatus for the realisation of his dramatic intentions and thought that opera would afford him this. It is by no means...



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