

NIETZSCHE DRUNK.

A volume of the greatest interest to students of psychology with particular reference to the development of the adolescent was issued, says the Berlin correspondent of the London "Observer," in Munich on the 80th birthday anniversary of Friedrich Nietzsche. The book is a collection of letters edited by his sister, Frau Elizabeth Forster Nietzsche, who has issued all the memoirs connected with him. The letters were all written by Nietzsche between the ages of 14 and 25, and none has ever been published before. They begin with a review of the 14-year-old's past life, when the pastor's little son writes with the utmost reverence and simplicity to his mother from school. Five years later, in his 19th year, he writes in the same filial strain, utterly heartbroken at the terrible news he has to tell. He was drunk, for the first time, the Sunday before. Two years later a remarkable letter tells how he picked up the works of Schopenhauer for the first time in a second-hand bookseller's shop. He saw in it a mirror of the cosmos and of himself as a microcosm; he begins to hate himself with a violent hatred that is only cured by forcing himself to go out and take up his normal studies and regular mode of living again. Another two years and the evolution is complete.