

THUS SPAKE ZARATHUSTRA.

By common consent of his admiring students and worshippers, Friedrich Nietzsche's masterpiece is "Thus Spake Zarathustra, a book for all and none." It has now been translated into English by Mr. Alexander Tille, and is published by Mr. T. Fisher Unwin. To a good many of us the name Zarathustra sounds strange, though we may be familiar enough with the Greek form Zoroaster, but not so strange as some of the doctrines put into his mouth by Nietzsche would seem to the old Avestic philosopher. Nietzsche's admirers tell us that this is a prose poem, that it is half a sermon and half a story (very different, however, from the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's sermon stories), and that it is altogether perfect. To the ordinary healthy mind, with no decadent or fin-de-siècle tendencies, this "Thus Spake Zarathustra" is like a mixture of one of the minor prophets between his spells of inspiration, and an understudy whom one of Job's friends had employed to collect proverbs wherewith to bombard the patient one. But every one to his taste. There are many who find in Nietzsche light and guidance which they can find nowhere else.