

in 1920, and then sank to 55 or 56 per cent. in 1922-25. The curves for beer and spirit consumption are plotted separately in Fig. 2, and it will be seen that they do not correspond very closely. The reasons of the discrepancy are discussed later on.

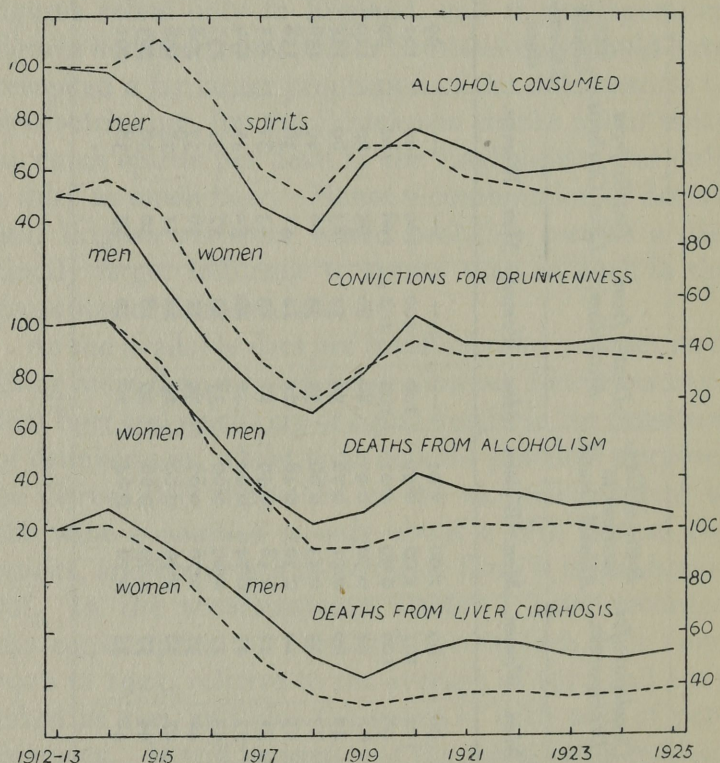


FIG. 2.—YEARLY VARIATIONS IN THE QUANTITY OF ALCOHOL DRUNK AND IN ITS EFFECTS.

The effects of the changes in alcohol consumption on sobriety are strikingly indicated in the statistics for drunkenness, and for deaths from alcoholism. The data relating to men and women are recorded separately, but it will be seen that they show a fair general agree-