

the Russian begins to drink *vodka* (spirits), the following figures taken by *Roussky Vrach* from two Russian newspapers show: In the Government of Saratoff 79 per cent. of the boys and 48 per cent. of the girls, ranging in ages from five to ten years, drank either spirits or beer. Of the 1,350 boys and 600 girls questioned, 296 boys and 35 girls drank to intoxication. In the Government of Pskoff of 5,101 children investigated, 83 per cent. of the boys and 68 per cent. of the girls drank, the ages ranging from six to eight, and in some instances from three to four. Of 4,034 children 30 per cent. of the boys and 8 per cent. of the girls drank to intoxication. It is recorded in history that when Vladimir the saint was choosing a new religion for the Russian people he rejected Mohammedanism on the ground that it "does not permit drink and a Russ can't be without it."

Pneumonia, a dirty-air disease, is still taking terrible toll of human lives in Chicago. During the first ten months of this year 4,164 persons in this city were killed with pneumonia, an increase of 61 over the deaths from this same disease for the corresponding period of 1912. For the month of October, there were 213 deaths due to pneumonia, as compared with 311 for the same month of last year. These figures, despite the better showing made for this disease in October of this year, show that people continue to be indifferent as to the kind of air they get; and that hibernation rather than ventilation is still popular among a large number of our citizens.

Dr. Charles Scott Sherrington, Professor of Physiology in the University of Liverpool, has been appointed Waynflete Professor of Surgery in the University of Oxford.

The fifth annual convention of the American Association of Clinical Research was held in Chicago during the week of Nov. 8th. Dr. Leonard H. Hirshberg, of Baltimore, was elected president, and Dr. James Krauss, of Boston, secretary and treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Edward Nettleship, F.R.C.S., F.R.S., died at his home near Haslemere on 30th October. He was a distinguished ophthalmic surgeon, and was a noted writer on diseases of the eye.

Owing to the extensive prevalence of uncinariasis in Asia, it is believed that many immigrants entering the United States through Pacific ports bring with them this undesirable infection. Report from Washington, D.C., on Nov. 3 states that quarantine officials have been directed hereafter to inspect for this disease, and to hold such persons for treatment before admission.

At a meeting of the New York chapter of the American National Red Cross Society, held on Oct. 31, it was announced that the gifts of \$100,000 each from James A. Strymser and Jacob H. Schiff and an annual endowment of \$2,000 from Mrs. Whitelaw Reid had been re-