

The master of the Norwegian barque *Alert*, which arrived at Port Adelaide last week, reports that on the 17th December, when his vessel was in the Southern Ocean, she experienced a sea-quake. Three distinct shocks were felt by all on board, and the sea became strangely agitated. It was at first supposed that the vessel had struck something, but on referring to the chart she was found to be in from 1400 to 1600 fathoms of water.

At a recent lecture, under the auspices of the Edinburgh Health Society, by Mr. Arthur W. Hare, F.R.C.S., the subject being "The Channels of Infection and Hints for Avoidance of Disease," Mr. Hare, referring to the arrangement in the lungs for getting rid of foreign matter, said it was well known to a physician that if he was going to a dangerous case, he would do wisely not to approach his patient the moment he went inside from a sharp or gusty walk. He knew full well that if he was breathing in an exaggerated way, dust and other particles would have a better chance of getting into the recesses of his lungs. People were often surprised that medical men went through serious risks as regarded infection, and yet escaped. It was simply by their knowledge of such facts as those concerning the action of the lungs, and by that knowledge becoming, as it were, through long experience, a sort of instinct.

CHRYSON SUNSET P.A.—"The stone at present being raised is of such a nature and so easily obtained that it is estimated that twelve (12) men will raise eighty (80) tons per week. This will give one thousand (1000) tons by the 1st March, which, under proper treatment, is estimated to yield two ounces (2oz.) per ton, which should yield a profit of three thousand five hundred pounds (£3500), and a first dividend of over two shillings and sixpence (2s. 6d.) per share." Extract from prospectus published in our advertising columns.—[ADVT.]