

SUBMARINE earthquakes doubtless often occur, but it is not often that they are reported unless they cast up an island to leave a record of their existence. A vessel that has lately put in at Honduras reports passing over what was probably the center of the disturbance. When the waves struck the vessel it was as if it had struck a rock. First one end of the vessel was up and then the other. The shock lasted only four or five minutes, but in that time no one could stand upright, and all expected that the vessel would break in the middle. Possibly some vessels never heard of are wrecked in this way. The submarine earthquakes are most common in tropical or semi-tropical seas, or near coasts where such phenomena are most often experienced on land. The Pacific Ocean has doubtless many more submarine volcanoes and earthquakes than has any part of the Atlantic. In some portions of the Pacific Ocean the appearance of new islands and disappearance of those formerly known is quite a common thing, though its commonness hardly keeps it from being startling to those navigating those seas.