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treated, as we know, in late years by the masterhand of Stevenson, and it is not to much to say that had there been no "Robinsin Crusce" "Tressure Land" would have been lost to the world. Taking for granted, as for the present we must, that the island has met with some terrible disaster, we may be consoled with the glorious manner of its reported ending. A merchant general naw, in the direction of the islands of which Juan Fernandez is one, enormous flames shooting out of the sea, causing a violent disturbance. Its disappearance is quite in accorddance with the fliness of things, though the earthquake and the infernal glamour of the flames seem rather in the more modern spirit of Jules Verne than that of Defoe. It is probably more from selicitude for the fate of the hundred fishermen who formed the population of Alexander Selkirk's island and its neighburs than from any sentimental interest in his story, that the Chilian Government has sent a vessel to see if the little archipelago is still in existence; but our sense of gratitude will be none the less keen if it brings back news that the splendours of the earthquake are but an episode in the historic existence of the island, and not its funeral pyre. →Globa

LORD BOBERTS ON THE ARMY AND PRESS.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Institute of Journalists at Belfast, Lord Roberts referred with pleasure to the fact that the first public speech be delivered as Commander-in-Chief of the forces in Ireland should be in Belfast, and in connection with that Institute. He commented on the value of the Press, and on the splendid services of the war correspondents, who supplied such accurate reports. He went on to speak of the British Army in India, which, he said, was in a thoroughly efficient condition. One of the reasons for that was the space which could be obtained in India for training their troops. That important question should be looked at in a patriotic spirit. The people of Great Britain and Ireland did their atmost to let the Army have the best possible training ground which could be obtained at home. The Army could not be properly trained without the ground, and the people should do their utmost to assist the Government in having at home as good training gound for the Army as could be obtained.

DEATH OF AN IRISH CLERGYMAN IN LONDON.

The venerable figure of the Rev John Fitsgerald who ministered to the spiritual wants of his parish for the long period of nearly 60 years, will be greatly missed in Camdea Town. The rev gentleman, who was a son of the late W Gerald Fitzgerald of Queen's County, Ireland, was one of Archbishop Tait's favourite pupils at Bugby. At University College Oxford, he took his bechelor's and muster's degrees. Prior to entering the ricerage of Camden Town he was vicac of Borden, Kent. He was in his 67th

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BIRTHS.

Wilson-September 8, at Easthome, Southsea, the wife of C Holmes Wilson, Royal Artillery, of a daughter.

Day-August 31, at 8 Suffolk square, Cheltenham, the wife of Major J Day, RE, of a daughter.

MARKIAGE.

Thompson and Franklin-September 2, 1896, at Trinity Church, Lower Gardiner street, Dublin, by the Rav J W Warren Boyde, LL.B, John, eldest son of the late William Thompson, 63 Lower Gardiner street, to Jame, (Jeanie), third daughter of the late John Franklin, 20 Belvidere avenue, N C R, Dublin.

DEATHS.

Mauneell-On the 3rd instant, at her residence, Ballywilliam, Rathkeale, the beloved wife of Daniel M. Mannsell, J.P.

Stanford-September 4, at his residence, 31 Garville avenue, Rathgar, Co Dublin, the Rev Bedell Stanford, BA, second and last surviving son of the late Rev W H Stanford, MA, Rector of Rinengran, Diocese of Cork.

Ca ement-September 3, at Sheerness, Lieutenant Julius Casement, Royal Artillery, aged 20 years, second surviving and much-loved son of Julius Casement, of Cronros, in the Co of Wicklew, Esq.

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