

1868, placed an iron tablet, with the following inscription:—

In Memory of
ALEXANDER SELKIRK, MARINER,
 A native of Lagos, in the County of Fife, Scotland,
 Who was on this Island in complete solitude
 for four years and four months.
 He was landed from the *Cinque Ports* Galley, 96 tons,
 16 guns, A.D. 1704, and was taken off in the
Duke privateer, 12 Feb. 1709.
 He died Lieutenant of the *Weymouth*, A.D. 1723,
 Aged 47 years.

This tablet is erected near Selkirk's look-out by
 Commodore Powell and Officers of
 H.M.S. *Topaze*, A.D. 1868.

Naturalists and others were busily engaged collecting birds and specimens, and a few photographs were obtained; and, what was very acceptable after the long voyage, plenty of fresh food, for the bay proved a most prolific fishing-ground, and from the settlers, beef, &c., of excellent quality was supplied.

The island is only some ten or twelve miles long, by four broad. The shore is formed by a steep, dark bare rock, rising up some 800 or 900 feet, through which wild ravines run, giving here and there views of grassy plains and verdant valleys of considerable extent, thickly wooded with a luxuriant foliage of great variety, amongst which were noticeable great numbers of peach-trees, which are said to have been planted by Lord Anson in 1741, when on his famous voyage round the world. Figs, straw-