STATION 109.

Station 109 (Sounding 180), off St. Paul's Rocks (see Chart 13).

August 28, 1873; lat. 0° 55′ 38″ N., long. 29° 22′ 35″ W.

Temperature of air at noon, 81°0; mean for the day, 78°5.

Temperature of water at surface, 77°.7.

Depth, 104 fathoms; deposit, Hard Ground.

At 9 A.M. officers and men on shore fishing, exploring rocks for natural history specimens, surveying, and making magnetic observations. On board ship employed a new mode of dredging by sending out dredge in a boat, and after a time heaving it in to the ship with the aid of the donkey-engine. The small dredge was used on this occasion, with the swabs attached, and brought up several specimens.

Animals from St. Paul's Rocks: The following species are recorded in the Zoological Reports from St. Paul's Rocks, from shore, shallow water, and down to a depth of about 100 fathoms:—

TETRACTINELLIDA (Sollas, Zool. pt. 63).

Pilochrota gigas, n.g., n.sp. One specimen (taken by fishing line from shore); obtained at no other locality.

ALCYONARIA (Wright and Studer, Zool. pt. 64).

Paramuricea æquatorialis, n.sp. (80 fathoms); obtained at no other locality.

Placogorgia atlantica, n.g., n.sp. (80 fathoms); obtained at no other locality. Only species of the genus.

Antipatharia (Brook, Zool. pt. 80).

Pteropathes fragilis, n.g., n.sp. (10 to 80 fathoms); obtained at no other locality.
Only species of the genus.

Corals (Moseley, Zool. pt. 7).

Lophohelia prolifera, M.-Edwards and Haime. Dead fragment (100 fathoms); for distribution see Station 23.

CRINOIDEA (Carpenter, Zool. pt. 60).

Actinometra pulchella (Pourtalès). One specimen (10 to 80 fathoms); obtained also at Station 192 (?), 140 fathoms. Recorded from North Atlantic ("Porcupine," "Dacia," and "Talisman"), and Caribbean Sea.