Cruise of H.M.S. Challenger.

harbour of Halifax, which is so well sheltered by McNab's Island, lying at its mouth, that it affords security and safe anchorage to vessels of any magnitude. This island is covered with extensive foliage and vegetation, all bright and green, and, with the pretty white lighthouse at its western extremity, can scarcely be surpassed for pictorial effect. Steaming on, we next pass St. George's Island, which lies in the very heart of the harbour, and is strongly fortified.

The city, with its suburbs, extends, for over two miles in length, along the slope of a hill on the western side of a very



RAVINE ON SOUTH SHORE, BERMUDA.

fine harbour. To the tourist it presents varied and numerous attractions. Its charming situation, its safe harbour and splendid scenery, are not to be surpassed on this side of the Atlantic. The sea runs up into various little bays and coves indenting the land in many directions, giving a variety of charming aspects to the entire scene, and finally ending in Bedford Basin, a broad sheet of water covering an area of nine square miles, its banks rich in all sorts of charming foliage, where cluster numerous pretty villa residences of the wealthy families.

In the city there are good broad streets, with shops and stores of large dimensions, where all the luxuries and requirements of