

WASHINGTON, July 22, 1861.

MY DEAR FATHER; I have just come in from Bull Run, where we had an engagement yesterday. We were obliged to retreat. The rebels numbered from 40,000 to 60,000 strong. I was so fortunate as to come out with only a slight buckshot wound in my left forefinger, nothing serious. I am completely worn out, as I have been on the move ever since yesterday morning at two o'clock, and have marched fifty miles and fought four hours. I am so tired I can hardly hold my pen, but will write more particulars next time. At least ten were killed in our company. I write this in a book-store. Your affectionate son,
L. P. HUBBARD, JR.

He served in the Second New-Hampshire Regiment through the entire war, and was in the battle of Williamsburg and numerous others in the Wilderness, being exposed to great dangers and suffering. At the battle of Williamsburg a bullet passed through his coat.

REV. WILLIAM HUBBARD

was born in England, in 1621, came to this country when about nine years of age; was educated at Harvard College and received his Bachelor degree at the age of twenty-one years.

Mr. Hubbard's first historical work was a narrative of the troubles with the Indians in 1676-7.

His *History of New-England*, which has made him more widely known than any other of his publications, was finished in 1680, and October 11th, 1682, the General Court granted fifty pounds to the author as "a manifestation of thankfulness" for his history.

It was published by the Massachusetts Historical Society, encouraged by a liberal subscription to it for the use of the commonwealth. It makes the fifth and sixth volumes of the second series of the society's collections.