

In 1688, Mr. Hubbard was invited to officiate at the commencement of that year, and received the following notice of his appointment.

Sir Edmund Andros, Knight, etc., to Rev. William Hubbard, greeting.—Whereas, the Presidency or Rectorship of Harvard College, in Cambridge, within his Majesty's territory and dominion of New-England, is now vacant, I do therefore, with the advice of Council, by these presents constitute, authorize and appoint you, the said William Hubbard, to exercise and officiate as President of said College at the next Commencement, to be had for the same, in as full and ample a manner as any former President or Rector hath or ought to have enjoyed.

Given under my hand and seal, at Boston, the 2d day of June, in the fourth year of his Majesty's reign Anno Domini 1688.

There was a manifest propriety in Mr. Hubbard's being selected to officiate in this capacity, as he was the oldest clergyman then living in New-England of the alumni of the college. And his character and talents entitled him to the distinction.

Dr. Eliot says: "Mr. Hubbard was certainly, for many years, the most eminent minister in the county of Essex. Equal to any in the province for learning and candor, and superior to all his contemporaries as a writer." Governor Hutchinson gives him the character of a man of learning and of a candid and benevolent mind.

He died September 14th, 1704, at the age of eighty-three years. Mr. Hubbard married for his first wife, Margaret, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Rogers, and great granddaughter of Rev. John Rogers, who was burnt at the stake, in Smithfield, England, February 4th, 1555, for his unyielding devotion to the truth as it is in Jesus.

Yale College conferred the honorary degree of Master of Arts, in the reign of George II., A.D. 1730, upon Dr. John