



OPENING OF THE BATTLE OF ANTIETAM.—HOOKER'S DIVISION FORDING THE CREEK TO ATTACK THE CONFEDERATES.
FROM A SKETCH BY F. H. SCHELL.



BURNSIDE'S TROOPS CARRYING THE BRIDGE OVER ANTIETAM CREEK, AND STORMING THE CONFEDERATE POSITION, SEPTEMBER 17, 1862.
FROM A SKETCH BY EDWIN FORBES.

The charge across the bridge was led by the Fifty-first New York and Fifty-first Pennsylvania of Sturgis' division. In his report of the gallant exploit General Sturgis says: "They rushed at a double-quick over the slope leading to the bridge, and over the bridge itself, with an impetuosity which the enemy could not resist, and the Stars and Stripes were planted on the opposite bank amid the most enthusiastic cheering from every part of the field."