

Lodge in the city, 1761-1764. Chapter II.—Apollo Lodge, York, 1773-7; Revival of the Provincial Grand Lodge; three Grand Lodges represented in York; records of Apollo from its origin to the year 1777. Chapter III.—Continuation of the minutes and notices of Apollo to 1805; lodges established in the Province under its auspices. Chapter IV.—Royal Arch Masonry from 1744; the degree worked at York, London and Dublin; earliest references to the ceremony in England; Warrants at York, 1779 and 1799. Chapter V.—Phoenix Lodge, Hull, 1817-35; the same number as Apollo (from 1814), but proved to be a new lodge; its origin, temporary prosperity and collapse. There are seven appendices, which are equally historical, giving a roll of the members of Apollo, a copy of its warrant, by-laws, etc., and the revised regulations for 1780. A perusal of the last mentioned is really interesting, as from them we learn that a brother after visiting a lodge the third time under the influence of liquor shall be expelled; that all visiting brothers shall pay 4s. for each admittance or at the option of the Master; whoever, upon a ballot, hath been rejected, he shall never be proposed a second time, either to be made a Mason or as an affiliate; every person who is desirous to decline being a member shall give two quarters' notice. The brethren who favor doing business in the third degree, because it was formerly the custom to do so, should carefully read the above extracts, and then consider if a return to former principles is a necessity. Every Masonic student should read this valuable book, as it deals with matters connected

with one of the most eventful periods in the history of English Freemasonry, namely, the time when the conflicting claims of rival Grand Lodges were being asserted under various and powerful influences. An illustration representing the George Inn, Coney Street, York, where Apollo met for eight years, is given as a frontispiece. The book is handsomely bound, and will be sent to Canadian purchasers, post free, for \$1.25, if orders are sent direct to Bro. Hughan.

GRAND LODGE BENEVO- LENCE.

On several occasions we have unhesitatingly condemned the Committee on Benevolence of Grand Lodge for the modes observed in distributing gratuities as well as for the conditions that must be observed before applications will be received by the committee. Our condemnation was severe, but it was the expression of opinions honestly held, and not the outcome of any personal feeling. From letters received at various times, as well as from personal conversations with brethren, we were led to believe that several of the conditions imposed upon those who applied for relief, whether for themselves or for some brother or brother's relative, were too exacting. We accepted the information given as reliable, owing in a great measure to the belief entertained of the truthfulness of Masons generally. In most instances we found that the brethren had told the truth, but in a few they had no regard for it. Having made this discovery we determined to look into the conditions more closely, and then ascertain why the Benevolence Committee demanded a compliance with them. The opportunity presented itself recently when