

and when they have been read and confirmed in open Lodge, the W. M. likewise signs them at the left hand corner.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from Committees, to move their reception, or their reception and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move their reception, and afterward their adoption.

The Constitution declares fifteen dollars (\$15) the *lowest* fee that can be charged for the degrees of Freemasonry, which is to be paid previously to the Candidate's initiation. This sum includes also the fee for registering the Candidate's name in the books of the Grand Lodge and a Grand Lodge Certificate.

The W. M. is responsible for the fees collected on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and it is his particular duty to see that the same are regularly forwarded with the returns.

In all cases, and under all circumstances, the Lodge must be opened in the first degree, and in this degree all the ordinary business of the Lodge is to be transacted. If a Candidate make application for the second degree, he must undergo an examination in open Lodge in the first degree: he is then directed to retire—the Lodge is then opened in the second degree; and if it appear that the Candidate has made suitable proficiency, he may be passed. The same may be said with reference to a Candidate for the third degree. The Candidate is examined in a Lodge of Fellow-crafts, and directed to retire.—The Lodge is then opened in the third degree. If the Candidate be found worthy, he may be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and the Lodges are then closed down, com-