

Scotland's relations with the young Grand Chapter of Western Australia

A communication to the Grand Secretary from the Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland re the latter's relations with the young Grand Chapter of Western Australia, disposes of much of the erroneous ideas held on this side of the Atlantic touching the attitude of the mother Grand Chapter in the matter. An extract from the letter will be enough to make clear the existing situation. R. E. Comp. Murray, of Edinburgh, says:

"We are all on the most friendly terms, and it rather amuses us to see in the American press occasionally observations which assume the very reverse.

"The only real point under discussion between us at the present moment is whether Scotland is to compel its Chapters to join the local Grand Body, and this we are not prepared to do so long as they wish to continue with us. There are reasons of government and ritual and degrees which render them desirous of remaining with us; but apart from that, there is a very strong and deep feeling of attachment to Scotland among the members, and we are very proud of this.

"I think it is sometimes assumed that we want to stick to these Chapters for the mere sake of getting returns and membership fees from them, but in point of fact they are a source of expense rather than of profit, and the idea that money considerations influence us is very unworthy."

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