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Respected delegates from Wales, from Cornwall, brothers and sisters of the Gorsedd, friends, be welcomed here today. I would like at first to give apologies from Mrs Lena Louarn, vice president of the Regional Council who cannot be here today as she is prevented by the other duties of her office.

I would like equally to acknowledge someone else who is not here, but of whom I want to speak, that's to say the President of the Region of Brittany, M. Jean-Yves Le Drian whose virtues are recognised by the new authorities in France so that he has been named as a minister. I must insist that I feel some regret for Brittany because for the first time in the history of the regional institution, many Bretons, it's my assertion in any case, had felt that the ship had been strengthened at last. I hope that he will remain a true Breton, a man of open mind and spirit who will continue to fight for the land of his birth. Good luck with his new responsibilities ! And good luck to the new president, Monsieur Pierrick Massiot, who can't be here with us today.

2012 is a year worthy of notice.

First of all by the change which has occurred in the French Republic. This does not directly concern the Gorsedd for we have no allegiance to one party or another. We are not a political party and we don't give instructions according to that scheme.

I am very pleased also to welcome here today boys and girls able to set the small world of Breton Music on fire with top form and good humour. I mean the *Ramoneurs de Menhirs* (Standing stones sweepers). We'll have a chance of talking together to see if we can give more lustre to tradition Welcome and keep on moving!

There is however one fact which deserves to be brought up here.

On his visit at Quimper between the two rounds of the presidential election, François Hollande, the Socialist Party candidate declared that he had done his sums and that if he was placed at the head of the race to the Elysée, it was thanks to the votes of the Bretons.

The same thought occurred to everyone when they examined the second round which saw the victory of François Hollande.

One thing is certain, my friends : the beaten man ,who has displayed on many occasions his distrust of Bretons, without us knowing even today the reason for it, has received in return a boomerang blow in a neat, clear and precise manner, and without appeal!

Politicians would be well advised to reflect before insulting our people, if they want to be elected, at least!

