

and his place was occuied by Bro. Moore, Deputy District Grand Master, who presided at the meeting, and read the address which his chief had prepared and would have had delivered in person had the state of his health permitted of his attending. At its conclusion, general regret was expressed at the enforced absence of Bro. Miller, and all present united in the hope that he might soon be restored to them. The hope, however, has not been realised, and, to the grief of our Northern China brethren, the place of our lamented Bro. Miller will know him no more.—*The Freemason.*

There is to be an Anti-Masonic Congress in Italy next year, at which the Craft and all its works will be heartily denounced. The Cardinal-Vicar has sent a letter to the Executive Committee, in which he says that it is quite unnecessary to demonstrate the errors of Freemasonry or to regret the havoc wrought by it to those who are so perfectly acquainted with its theoretic and practical character. "Nor," he goes on to say, "is there any need to insist upon the fact that the Catholic Church and civilized society are confronted with no more powerful obstacle than Freemasonry, which is the enemy of all their endeavours to procure the temporal and eternal welfare of the nations." Not content with this, the Cardinal-Vicar urges the Committee to carry beyond the Alps, in the name of Rome and Italy, "the treasures of your learning, experience, and virtue." This is fair warning to the Fraternity in England, who will do well to double and treble their Outer and Inner Guards.—*Morning.*

Freemasons will be interested in the fact that Bro. Lord Sandhurst, Governor of Bombay, in his capacity of Pro Grand Master of the English Constitution in India, recently attended the annual Jamshedi Naoroz festival at the Masonic Hall, Byculla, under the auspices of the Rising Star of Western India, Eastern Star, Rising Sun, Islam, Cyrus, Aryan, Zoroaster Lodges whose

members comprise Christians of various denominations, Hindoos, Parsees, and Mohammedans. His Excellency, who was decorated by the brethren with a garland of flowers, and presented with a bouquet, alluded to the cosmopolitan nature of the gathering as being characteristic of Freemasonry, which knew no distinction between creeds, nationalities, or parties, and whose object was to cement in one widespread and sympathetic bond of fraternity the members of the Craft to whatever faith they belonged. It was stated that Freemasonry was flourishing throughout the presidency.—*The Freemason.*

Very general sympathy will be felt with our Tasmanian brethren in the loss they have sustained through the sudden death of their M.W.G. Master, Bro. Dr. E. O. Giblin. The deceased, who was but 46 years of age, had gone to the north of the island in order to take part in the annual shooting matches of the Tasmanian Rifle Association, when during the afternoon of Friday, the 27th December last, he was seized with sunstroke on the range, and as soon as possible he was removed to his hotel in a cab. There he was attended to, firstly, by Dr. Hallowes, and afterwards, in consultation with him, by Dr. Maddox, but though everything was done that science and the most thoughtful care and kindness could suggest, Bro. Giblin died the same evening at 10.30 p.m. He was buried with full Masonic and military ceremonial in New Town Cemetery, the early portion of the religious service taking place in the cathedral.—*The Freemason.*

There was on Saturday, says our Paris Correspondent, a Masonic demonstration at the tomb of the late Maria Deraismes in the cemetery of Montmartre. The lodge that took the leading part was "La Grande Loge Mixte," of the Scotch Rite, of which that good and gifted woman was a Venerable. It is also known as the "Loge du Droit Humain," or the