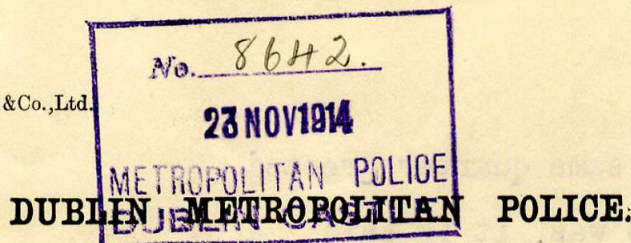


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Detective Department,

Dublin, 23rd NOVEMBER, 1914.

Subject, PRO-GERMAN OUTBURST AT MEETING OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MEDICAL
SOCIETY.

With reference to attached I beg to report that from inquiries made it has been ascertained that the meeting in question was held in the hall of the College, Stephens Green, on night of 12th inst., as stated. Mr. E. P. McLoughlin presided, and about 400 others mainly composed of leading professional men and students were present.

Surgeon J. McArdle, in the course of his address on "Our Profession in Time of War," stated that they had heard of Belgian babies on German bayonets, but there was no truth in it; and again that he had met many returned soldiers and refugees and he had never yet received any evidence against the soldiers of the Kaiser on which one would hang a cat. This gave rise to loud cheers from a small group of students at back of the hall. Mr. McArdle proceeding quoted an extract from a statement of a Dr. Ryan regarding the humane conduct of the German soldiers in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870.

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Loud cheers from the same quarter greeted the quotation. There was, it is said, a good deal of excitement at the moment. Hissing and booing continued for a time, during which the President of the College of Surgeons, the Recorder of Dublin, Sir Thomas Myles, Sir Lambert Ormsby, and others left the building.

The Right Hon. Dr. Cox, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, spoke of the many brave Irish Surgeons and Physicians who had played a heroic part in the battlefields of the Continent, and they would remember that a brother of Mr. McArdles died while serving under Lord Kitchener at Khartoum. The allusion to Lord Kitchener was received with cheers and ~~xxx~~ hissing.

Some of the prominent members of the Medical Society state that the Press reports are much exaggerated; and a few of those who left as a protest admit that the number of persons engaged in this pro-German outburst was not more than a dozen or so.

The manner in which Mr. McArdle dealt with his subject gave rise to much comment, but nothing can be urged against his friendliness towards England in the present crisis. It was a mixed audience; and I may add that most of this unseemly display is alleged to be more the outcome of a little rivalry that exists between students of the different Colleges rather than a manifestation of disloyalty.

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Chief Inspector.

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The Chief Commr. *23/11/14*