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CATALAN ST. GEORGE'S MEETING STOPPED

From our Correspondent

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Every year about this time L'Institut d'Estudis Catalans, or the Academy of Catalan Culture, which is affiliated to the Union Académique Internationale, meets to celebrate St. George's Day, the patron saint of Catalonia, but as it is not recognized by the Spanish Government the meeting is held unobtrusively in a private house on some other date to avoid arousing the suspicions of the authorities, and the invitations are delivered personally, never through the post. This year, however, the authorities got to know of the arrangements, and last Friday night police manned the approaches to the private mansion where the meeting was to be held and some 200 persons in evening dress, representing the leading Catalan intellectuals, were turned back as they arrived.

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[NOTE: It is at this academic session of St. George's Day that the Institute of Catalan Studies has for fifty years awarded the annual prizes for works of research in the various branches of Catalan culture, Language, History, History of Literature, Archaeology, Law, etc.]