

We have always had a Roman Catholic Club at McGill, - at least, one existed when I came here. It was known then as the Columbus Club, but it got into some sort of financial difficulties and dissolved. Father McShane took a great interest in it, I remember.

Of course, no club can be formed without getting permission from the Students Council, who keep me informed of applications they receive. Last December, Mr. L. J. Phelan of 338 Kensington Avenue, Westmount, wrote to the President of the Students Council and asked for permission to form a Club, to be known as the Newman Club of McGill University. It was to be organized for the social, intellectual and spiritual betterment of the Roman Catholic students of McGill, and its aim, as set forth in its constitution, reads as follows:-

- a) To act as a bond of union among its members
- b) To foster the general interests of McGill University.

One of my Roman Catholic chaplains overseas is a leading spirit in the Club and I know him to be a most excellent soldier and gentleman.

In the social columns of this morning's GAZETTE you will notice that this Club is giving an At Home at the Mount Royal Hotel on Monday, March 3rd, and there follow the names of subscribers, among whom you see Lord and Lady Shaughnessy; Mr. and the Honourable Mrs. Redmond; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cook; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Colville, and many others.

In Montreal we offer no objection to the formation of the Knights of Columbus Club - nor to the U.M.C.A. and we support these bodies according to our denominational preferences. I think I can assure you that there is nothing sinister about the Newman Club. There is one at the University of Toronto; another at Queens; and I know there are such clubs at Yale, Columbia, California, and possibly in many other universities of the United States.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.