

McGILL AND GENERAL CURRIE.

The report that McGill University will ask General Sir ARTHUR CURRIE to become principal of the University is an interesting one. To some who have not been familiar with the trend of affairs in connection with the great universities of the continent, the idea of a man whose distinction is in another line than scholarship being sought for the chief office of a university may seem peculiar; but the fact is that a tendency has become strong in the universities to aim to secure executive ability at the head of affairs. The greatest problem of most universities is how to pay their way. A first class administrator in charge of the university and its business is likely to be a more efficient promoter of the university and of most of the ideals a university represents than a first class scholar who might not possess administrative or business ability.

The man who handled the Canadian army in France with conspicuous success is likely to be possessed of great executive power in any other administrative office, so there is nothing surprising about the suggestion of Sir ARTHUR CURRIE'S name for McGill except that somebody has had sufficient originality of mind to think of it. As to whether General CURRIE would care to have the job, rather than that of commander of the Canadian home army, that is another matter.
