

Editorials.

Principal Peterson :

'Tis now forty years since McGill University, then in her day of small things, entered upon an era of remarkable progress under the guidance of Sir William Dawson, to whose influence and exertions the present prosperous condition of that institution are in no small degree due. The "gentle scholar knight," whose name has long been a household word throughout Canada, is now engaged in collecting and arranging in permanent form the results of the researches of a busy life ; while the labor and responsibility connected with the Principalship of the great Canadian University, in the development of which he has had so large a part, have fallen upon the shoulders of his worthy successor, Dr. Peterson.

Our College is so intimately associated with McGill University, that her good fortune must ever be matter of gratulation to us. Consequently we have felt great pleasure in observing the manner in which Dr. Peterson has entered upon the discharge of his functions as Principal. He has already made his influence felt in his new sphere of labor, and is fast winning for himself a place in the esteem and affection of all those who are interested in the welfare of " Old McGill."

Dr. Peterson's past achievements justify high expectations. After an exceptionally brilliant student career, he entered, at the age of twenty-five, upon the Principalship of University College, Dundee ; which position he filled for thirteen years with conspicuous ability. As Sir William Dawson is eminent in Science, so Dr. Peterson is deeply versed in classical lore, and under his regime we anticipate that literary studies in the University will receive such an impetus as scientific studies did under that of his venerable predecessor.

It remains only to add that Principal Peterson is a Scotchman and a Presbyterian.

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The Sultan and the Powers :—

The desperate condition of things usually attendant upon a civil and religious war, now exists and grows daily worse in the Ottoman territory. The amount of property plundered, the number of Armenians and Christian missionaries massacred, the extent of destitution among the mothers, wives and children of those who were slain can, as yet, be only a matter of conjecture. Over thirteen thousand Armenians, it has been estimated, have been slain in the provinces ; and, according to a recent despatch from Dr. Dwight of the Bible House Mission