

to our employers; (3) The responsibilities to our employes. He spoke strongly in favor of greater educational facilities for the miner, and advocated closer attention to sanitation in mining settlements.

#### AN INVITATION TO VISIT MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

PROF. B. J. HARRINGTON, on behalf of Sir William Dawson, invited the members to visit the Redpath Museum, and to attend the Convocation of the Faculties of Arts, Law and Applied Science, to be held in the Windsor Hall on Thursday.

#### MINING BUREAU.

MR. W. HAMILTON MERRITT, F.G.S., Toronto, having been called upon to address the meeting, said: I received with great pleasure the kind invitation of this Association to attend your first quarterly general meeting, and as it came at a time when we were endeavoring to interest the people of Ontario in mining matters, I felt it important that I should be here to attend what I consider an extremely important event. I hope that we in Ontario will be able to follow your example and form a similar association, because I am confident that anyone who has the interest of mining development at heart, must have come to the conclusion that combined effort is absolutely necessary in order to obtain that measure of recognition from the Government which the status of the industry and the extent of our mineral resources warrants. He commented on the recent Mining Bill introduced at the last session of the Ontario Government, pointing out the absurdity of having the operations of the Mining Act controlled and directed by the Department of Agriculture. He also advocated a closer recognition of commercial data by the Dominion Government, either in the present Bureau of Mining Statistics in connection with the Geological Survey, or elsewhere.

MR. B. T. A. BELL pointed out the utter inefficiency and incompetency of the so-called Mining Bureau, attached to the Department of Crown Lands in Quebec, stating that until the Government consulted with trained and experienced mining inspectors, well versed in the wants and uses of the industry, it was hopeless to expect proper mining legislation. If the local Government had followed