

MUSIC.—George Eliot asks : “ Is it any weakness, pray, to be wrought on by exquisite music ? to feel its wondrous harmonies searching the subtlest windings of your soul, the delicate fibres of life where no memory can penetrate, and binding together your whole being, past and present, in one unspeakable vibration ; melting you in one moment with all the tenderness, all the love, that has been scattered through the toilsome years ; concentrating in one emotion of heroic courage or resignation all the hard-learned lessons of self-renouncing sympathy, blending your present joy with past sorrow, and your present sorrow with all your past joy ? ”

WE commend to all our readers a careful perusal of the article in another column on “ Convocations.” It has been written more particularly for Victorian alumni, but the arguments apply to the alumni of all Canadian universities. If the alumni do not show loyalty, where shall we look for it ? May Toronto, Queen’s, Trinity, McGill, Victoria and all the other institutions, have this year gatherings which, for size, enthusiasm and practical results, shall surpass all former years.

LOCALS.—“ Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. Nevertheless, we venture to intrude our presence upon a ladies’ *sanctum*, and enter our criticism upon some of the senseless trash that at times fills the columns of some American Ladies’ College Journals. Coming nearer home, however, we are astounded by such impenetrable jokes as ;—! !—? ; How ? etc., etc In seven lines we find nine words, eight quotation couplets, five exclamation marks and four interrogation marks. One would gain the impression that some young ladies are made up of interrogations and exclamations ! ! ? ?

CANADA’S FORESTS.—There is agitation from time to time on this question, and reasonably so. The Local and Dominion Parliaments should, without delay, not only change the free