INVERCARGILL

(From our own correspondent.)

February 19.

The annual Catholic picnic is to take place on February 26 at Ocean Beach. The place chosen is an ideal one for a holiday.

On Sunday a meeting of parishioners was held in St. Joseph's Schoolroom, Mr. J. Collins in the chair, to arrange for the reception of Very Rev. Dean Burke on his return to Invercargill next month. It was decided that the reception committee meet the Dean at the station and present him with an address of welcome on behalf of the congregation. A committee was formed to arrange details.

NAPIER

(From our own correspondent.)

February 16.

Great preparations are being made for the Napier Carnival, which is to be held next month.

A meeting of the congregation is called for this evening to make preliminary arrangements for St. Patrick's Day social.

The Catholics of Hastings have the Princess Theatre booked for March 17 for a national concert, and judging by the enthusiasm shown it will be a great success.

A meeting of the parishioners was held last Thursday for the purpose of making arrangements for giving a send-off to the Rev. Father Goggan, who has been in charge of this parish for the last six years, and is now going to take the position of Vice-Rector of St. Patrick's College. Mr. W. J. McGrath was entrusted with the duties of secretary, and Mr. St. Lawrence Toner was deputed to arrange a concert at which the presentation is to be made.

St. Patrick's College Scholarship Examination

DECEMBER, 1907.

The following were the papers set for candidates for the above examination :—

ENGLISH, ENGLISH ESSAY AND CATECHISM.

(N.B. The marks allotted to handwriting and spelling will be awarded on the work of this paper.)

(1) Write a short but complete essay (about two pages) on one of the following subjects :—

(a) The merits and demerits of a dry and wet summer.

(b) 'The wicked flee when no man pursueth.'

(c) In a letter to a friend describe some recent event of interest.

(2) Write out twelve sentences showing the correct use respectively of a relative pronoun, a relative adverb, an indefinite adjective, a demonstrative adjective, a demonstrative pronoun, an interrogative pronoun, an objective case, a verb in the past tense, a verb in the passive voice, a reflexive verb, a conjunction of purpose, an interjection. In each sentence underline the word in question.

(3) Write out in full the 'I confess to Almighty God.'

What do you mean by Faith, Hope, Charity, world, flesh, devil, superstition, despair, murder, falsehood, robbery, witchcraft.
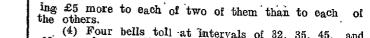
What does your catechism teach you about the Holy Ghost ?

Why must we (1) go to confession before going to Communion ? (2) examine our conscience before going to confession ? (3) have reached the age of reason before we examine our conscience ?

ARITHMETIC (Time allowed 2 hours).

N.B. All work must be shown. Importance attached to method and neatness.

(1) Obtain by the shortest method you know, the product of 123123 by 125255.

(2) At the beginning of 1904 there were 68,841 Natives employed in the Transvaal mines. During January 5397 fresh Natives joined and 5471 left or died ; in February 6263 joined and 5064 left or died ; in March 6713 joined and 4339 left or died ; in April 5284 joined and 5047 left or died ; in May 4844 joined and 6643 left or died. What was the total increase or decrease at the end of this time ?

(3) Distribute £292 14s 5½d among 73 persons, giv-

ing £5 more to each of two of them than to each of the others.

(4) Four bells toll at intervals of 32, 35, 45, and 60 seconds respectively ; if they all commence together after what time will they again toll together.

(5) Simplify :—

$$\frac{\dfrac{5}{14} - \dfrac{3}{7} \text{ of } \dfrac{1}{2}}{\dfrac{5}{16} \text{ plus } \dfrac{7}{12} \text{ of } 3\frac{1}{4} - \left(\dfrac{7}{8} \text{ of } \dfrac{37}{21} - \dfrac{1}{3}\right)} \cdot \frac{\dfrac{1}{3} \text{ of } \dfrac{1}{2} \text{ plus } \dfrac{3}{2} \text{ of } \dfrac{3}{2}}{9\dfrac{1}{3} - 1\dfrac{2}{3}}$$

(6) Multiply 41.376 by .03548.

Divide 8.454 by 240000, .00024, 2.4.

(7) If 518 men can erect a building in 243 days, in how many days will 567 men erect one ¾ the size of the former ?

(8) Find the value of 3Dm. 5m. 27cm. 5mm. at £1 5s 8d per metre.

(9) A metre being equal to 39.37 inches, and a franc being worth 10d, what is the value in English money of a yard of silk worth 7½ francs per metre ?

RESULTS OF SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION, 1907

No. of Candidate.	Catechism. Max. 50	Essay. Max. 50	Grammar. Max. 50	Spelling. Max. 50	Writing. Max. 50	Arithmetic. Max. 50	Total. Max. 300
105	17	35	6	40	35	19	152
106	18	20	—	45	38	24	145
107	29	30	30	36	40	12	177
108	38	35	50	48	35	32	238
109	22	30	30	50	22	21	175
110	40	33	30	36	36	34	209
111	23	32	34	30	37	31	187
112	25	30	34	27	33	30	179
113	39	31	30	48	24	27	199
114	35	25	26	36	33	14	169
115	39	36	38	48	42	25	228
117	34	25	34	34	25	11	163
118	29	25	30	34	30	17	165
119	28	28	14	36	35	22	163
120	31	30	30	20	30	14	155
121	31	28	22	15	31	10	137
122	39	32	30	48	30	28	207
123	26	20	—	20	18	25	109
124	17	25	14	40	20	30	146
125	31	32	22	48	24	29	186
127	16	30	6	34	40	19	145
128	23	30	18	40	40	26	177