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Write legibly, ESPECIALLY NAMES of persons and places
Reports of MARRIAGES and DEATHS are not selected or
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clergyman of the district, or by some subscriber whose
handwriting is well known at this office. Such reports must
in every case be accompanied by the customary death or
marriage announcement, for which a charge of 2s. 6d. is
made.

MARRIAGE

DELANY-TRAYNOR.—On Wednesday, December 27,
at the Catholic church, Wyndham, by the Rev. J. P.
Delany (brother of the bridegroom), assisted by the
Rev. P. J. O'Neill, Francis, second son of James Delany,
Lyttelton, to Jane, youngest daughter of P. Traynor,
Wyndham.

DEATH

HORAN.—On December 18, 1905, at Treesbank, Pal-
merston South, Dorinda Mary, younger daughter of the
late John and Annie Horan.—R.I.P.



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ways of Truth and Peace.*

LEO. XIII. to the N.Z. TABLET

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1906

LICENSED VICTUALLING REFORM



THE Local Option polls are over. In the few
weeks that have elapsed since then the
licensed victuallers have had ample time to
survey the situation and cast up and bal-
ance accounts with their friends of the Pro-
hibition party. For a variety of causes—
which have already been sufficiently indica-
ted in our editorial columns—there has been
a check in the hitherto triumphal march of No-license,
as regards its immediate object and anticipated results.
But, taken all round, the movement shows a gain in the
numerical strength of the votes that it has polled.
There are two significant and warning lessons in the
recent polls that 'the trade' will—unless they wish to
live in a fool's paradise—take to heart in a practical
way. The first is this: that the Moderates—who, at
the Local Option polls, hold the balance of power—
look, not indeed with full satisfaction, but with approval
and hope, upon the improved tone of the drink traffic
during the past three years. Their verdict at the
polls was that of fair-minded neutrals who said: So
far, good. But you can—and ought—to do better. See
that you do so.' The other lesson is one of more
emphatic warning. However they may differ on the
vexed question of a remedy, a vast and growing body
of the electors of New Zealand are not convinced that
the licensed victualling business is, as a business, even
yet conducted in a manner that should merit their ap-
proval. The saner—and, we hope, the major part—of
those engaged in the trade, admit and deplore its short-
comings. As matters stand, it makes the judicious of
every color to grieve. In all the circumstances, it is
therefore high time that those engaged in the avocation
of licensed victuallers should take prompt and effica-
cious steps to set their house in order.

We, for our part, are strong advocates of temperance
reform. But for various reasons we do not hold with
the specific principles that serve as guide-rails to the
Prohibition party. (1) The Catholic Church, for in-
stance, while she teaches that intemperance is a heinous
and soul-wrecking sin, nowhere asserts or suggests that
the manufacture, sale, or moderate use of alcoholic
drinks is of itself a violation of the moral law. (2)
In the second place, whether in this or in other mat-
ters, our logic is not so bankrupt as to argue from
abuse against legitimate use. Moreover, (3) we do not
share the Prohibition party's hard and fast refusal to
recognise the principle of compensation. (4) We are
not satisfied that No-license, as it exists either in this
country or in the United States, is a real remedy for
the admitted evils that have grown up around the drink
traffic. And (5) we believe in the possibility, and even
in the practicability, of so regulating and reforming the

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