

EXPLANATION

even the powerful British Government could change what they had always held as Divine law, and so refused to recognize the validity of a man's marriage with his deceased wife's sister. The result is that hundreds of Anglican ministers will not perform such marriages, and do not hesitate to tell the contractors that their marriage is invalid. I do not speak of the large number of these ministers who refuse to re-marry couples, one of whom has been divorced. But according to the state law of England, a man has the right to marry his deceased wife's sister, and the divorced man has the right to take to himself a new spouse. However, we hear no talk about this opposition to civil law on the part of a Church, which being a state Church, should be expected to coincide with the state law, if that should be expected of any church. It might be well for the defenders of the civil law, who suddenly become so zealous when the Catholic Church is concerned, to first turn their attention to their own Church, especially the great national Church of England. It will be time enough for them to deal with the grand old Church of the ages when they have first dealt with the national Church. But we are convinced that the fair-minded man when he understands the position of the Anglican ministers in the above case, and when he has with an open mind read the explanation of the *Ne Temere*, will not find himself anxious to enter the ranks of the agitators for the purpose of obtaining new legislation on the marriage question.

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