

on Sunday or commands eating meat on Friday. This is a matter of conscience, and when conscience is interfered with the answer of Catholics is the same today as yesterday, as five, ten centuries ago; the same as given at the beginning of the Church: "If it be just in the sight of God, to hear you rather than God, judge ye."

The In point of fact, has the *Ne*
"No Temere" *Temere* entered into conflict with
and Civil the authority of the State? Does
Marriage it openly oppose laws passed by
Laws. the State relative to marriage?

To charge that it does, is to misunderstand the character and the scope of the decree. The code of every country contains marriage laws. Some of these laws are in harmony with the teaching of the Church concerning marriage, and run parallel with her rules; others are more or less divergent therefrom, and are even founded on principles contradictory to the doctrine of the Church. There is nothing new in this. It is a situation encountered by the Church for many a generation past. The marriage laws of the Council of Trent were not revoked and reversed because here and there the civil law allowed what the Canon law forbade. If the State chose to pass its own marriage laws, it was free to do so, and we fail to see that it found