

From this compilation, it will appear—

1. That in the New England States, the old constitutions remain unchanged, and that all of them recognize education as a duty of the State.

2. That in twenty-one States, there are "New Constitutions," all containing clauses recognizing the legislative right to exempt certain classes of subjects from taxation.

3. That in twenty of these, that right has been made the subject of legislation, and invariably with a broad construction of the constitution.

4. That in twelve of them, viz. :—

Minnesota,  
Oregon,  
Kansas,  
West Virginia,  
Nevada,  
North Carolina,  
Louisiana,  
Florida,  
Virginia,  
Nebraska,  
Texas and  
Georgia,

the legislature considered, and so enacted, that *public libraries* came within the scope of the respective constitutional provisions.

5. That in eight of them, viz. :—

Ohio,  
Minnesota,  
Kansas,  
West Virginia,  
South Carolina,