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We frequently hear or read the expression, "The future of this country is dependent upon the intelligence of its citizenship", and have probably come to view the expression as just another platitude. The recent North Dakota election, however, is such a complete refutation of the "wild-jackass" and "backward-states" theory of some of our eastern erudites that it is not out of place to direct attention to the facts.

Before the electorate of our state came a long list of candidates seeking endorsement for county, state and legislative positions. In addition to the problems presented in the selection of the proper candidates for public office, our people were required to exercise a choice on six initiated and referred measures, each of which offered opportunity for direct conflict of opinion on the merits.

It ought to be evident to any analytically-minded observer, whatever his own opinion may be concerning the correctness of the final decision in each particular case, that the voters of North Dakota were fully awake to their responsibilities, that they gave consideration to every problem, exercised, in most cases, a truly independent judgment, and, therefore, expressed that judgment in the interests of the best welfare of the state.

A citizenship so awake, and so suggestive of proper enlightenment, may be classed, appropriately and without apologies, as an intelligent citizenship; and the state possessing such a citizenship, may, certainly, hope for and expect a safe, sound, progressive future. We applaud the electorate!