Minnesota

In many states, the man who has voted just because he is a male and twenty-one, is beginning to rub his eyes and wonder whether voting doesn't need some preliminary instruction after all. Women of at least four states—only two of which have woman suffrage—and only one of these full suffrage—have invited their state universities to help them become intelligent citizens and at least three state universities have made it their business to issue courses of study giving an intensive study of civics to all women who apply. The fourth state heard from at the national headquarters of the League of Women Voters, 171 Madison Avenue, New York City, is Minnesota.

The universities of California and North Carolina have issued regular study outlines on citizenship for women as a part of the University Extension programs of the state. New Hampshire, which has not yet issued such an extension leaflet, cooperated with the women's own program last summer, when the New Hampshire State College at Durham was host to the women's own summer school of citizenship. Next summer Dartmouth will welcome this same unique summer school.

Minnesota's University has gone further in cooperation than has any other. It has just held a short course in citizenship for women voters, conducted jointly by the University's general extension division and the Minnesota League of Women Voters. The sessions were held in two places, those during the day in one of the buildings on the main university campus, and those in the evening in the assembly room of the Minneapolis City Hall, showing that both University and city were at one with the women in their effort to become intelligent citizens.

One of the women present at the short course has just reported that on account of limitation of space, registration for the day lectures was limited to 300 and to 600 for the evening lectures. But the popular demand for admission was so great that admission to the latter had to be stretched to 800. The attendance from start to finish remained consistently large. The field of subjects covered every branch of state and national government, political ethics, social problems pending, parliamentary and public speaking.

Citizenship Schools

The verdict of the university professors on the classes was interesting. They claimed that they had never carried on more satisfactory extension work and that the evident grade of intelligence as evinced by the questions and interest of the women was unusually high. The women took continuous and copious notes, and bibliographies were exhausted long before the close of the course. Bookmen in town report great stimulation in the sale of books dealing with the subjects of government, state and national. Newspapers of the state and of the Twin Cities showed great interest in the course and in the attitude of the women.

The League of Women Voters is asked continually for speakers and expects to put similar courses, not so intensive, perhaps, in every congressional district of the state, and on the whole feels that it is to be congratulated for the success of this first experiment in Schools for Citizenship.

Editorials were written commenting on the seriousness with which women were approaching the privilege of voting and comparing this with the apathy of the average male voter. Schools for men were advocated by papers of the Twin Cities, the Minneapolis Tribune asking editorially, "Why not for men, too?"

"To make the most and best of their franchise privilege, men voters need expert information on these things just as women do," said the Tribune. "They may have a better general knowledge of the practical and political phases of public problems than their wives, daughters and sisters, but the average male voter is not on very sure ground as to many of the subjects discussed in this course."

Wisconsin

Wisconsin is inaugurating a general plan of education for citizenship, which was presented by Mrs. Frank Thanhouser, and approved by the convention in October. The plan calls for a state chairman of citizenship, a state committee and local committees in the various counties. The method of work to be followed includes a paid organizer and lecturer, who shall be engaged to organize classes in citizenship, and to give courses of lectures to clubs, church societies, fraternal organizations or any other interested groups of women. Training classes shall be held for organizers and teachers in Milwaukee, and possibly elsewhere as the work progresses. These teachers shall be qualified to hold similar schools in counties. The plan is to hold a network of citizenship schools throughout the state.

A comprehensive booklet dealing with the laws of Wisconsin and the nation shall be used. At headquarters a working library shall be maintained with bibliographies on civics, American history and economics. One branch of the citizenship work to be pushed will be the Americanization of alien women, which will be done in cooperation with other agencies carrying out the same work so as to avoid overlapping.

At the last convention held by the Wisconsin suffragists, a budget of $6,500 was agreed upon for the coming year's work. Contributions and pledges to the amount of $3,500 were received at the convention.

At the meeting of the executive board the following committee chairmen were appointed: Citizenship, Mrs. C. M. Barr, Milwaukee; League of Women Voters, Mrs. Ben Hooper.

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Mrs. Henry W. Youmans, president, has planned an aggressive year of practical work in preparation for the vote which the Wisconsin women will soon exercise.

50,000 Students

FIFTY thousand Cleveland women have signed up as desirous of entering Schools of Citizenship in January, when these will be opened throughout the city. In preparation for this event 100 women of Cleveland entered a college of training in citizenship held under the Woman Suffrage Party of that city. These women will be the teachers for the thousands of women who have enrolled in every ward in the city for preparation in citizenship.