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The third, the great object, should be to select, study, and teach advanced education in accordance with natural traits, talents, and genius, so as to make it productive and useful ; not strain the young mind, waste its vitality and valuable time over foreign or classical education that it has no desire or talent for, and, generally, very little use for in after years. The practice of pushing young pupils beyond their age with too much study and subjects that they have no talent for is very deleterious to good health and strong mentality. It has caused many a death and insanity in after years. To teach advanced education without talent is waste of time and labor. The quickest knowledge is obtained by visible, didactic object lessons, and the greatest knowledge by continued solitary thought in the studio. Every student should accept everybody and everything in nature as his teacher, and every teacher should always be a student. In consideration, then, of the present scholastic condition, it would seem that there is an opening for an institute of this kind. It is the aim and desire of the "*Rittenhouse Memorial Association*" to aid in bringing about the nucleus of such an institution. It is hoped that all sympathizing persons will assist in the work, etc.

Addresses then followed by Col. Nicholas M. Rittenhouse, Daniel K. Cassel, John C. Borsch, Esq., and others. After the meeting adjourned, a very pleasing and interesting conference was held amongst the family members, in which they gave great encouragement for the future, etc.

In conclusion, I would say to the reader, that I have given a sketch of the history and origin of the name Rittenhouse, of the origin, rise, and progress of the "*Rittenhouse Memorial Association*," its principles, objects, future projects, and intentions of developing an institution wherein all manner of useful knowledge and natural talents can be encouraged and developed at home or abroad. Further information and