



## *The Educational Philosophy of James J. Hill*

An education is not an end, but a means. It is a means to aid men and women to accomplish three purposes: the development of the intellect, the earning of a living and the formation of character. If it does not or tend toward the realization of all three, it is to that extent a failure.

A mind furnished with useful information and trained to deal with the facts and questions of life is the first essential. Practical instruction in the principles and methods of the day's work, which occupies the part of the time and effort of most of us, has been held of too little account heretofore in the general scheme of education. It is the fundamental idea of every good school of agriculture. Without a definite moral training, the individual who has acquired both the other elements of education is not fitted for a place in human society or for right service to the community and the state.

Every institution engaged in giving instruction in modern farm methods is not only contributing to the advancement of an industry, which must always be the foundation of national prosperity and stability, but it is a guide post pointing the way to what must and will be, for the majority of the young people of our country, the happiest and, if rightly followed, the most successful occupation. In dignity and in practical worth, no department of the University outranks it.

I can wish no greater good fortune to the students of the School of Agriculture than that they may learn to appreciate the dignity and the opportunities of the instruction open to them there, put it to good practical use by finding independent competence and happiness in work upon the farm, and achieve all the three ends of education that unite to make good manhood, good womanhood and good citizenship. (St. Paul, Jan'y, 1913.)

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