

ware, the "Blue Juniata," the placid Schuylkill, and the romantic Wissahickon—are famed in song and story; and beneath her rich soil lie richer treasures in coal and ores than are gathered from the glittering mines of California and Nevada. To the patriotic American, too, the spot is holy ground. Yonder at Brandywine the patriot army gallantly resisted Howe's advance upon Philadelphia. There at Germuntown the sudden dash of Washington upon the foe, almost successful, was suddenly turned into disaster. Away to the east lies the place where the brilliantly-conceived and ably-executed passage of the Delaware resulted in the victory of Trenton. And close at hand is the spot which lies nearer to the American heart than any of her storied fields of fame—Valley Forge, the camp in which, when all the heavens were black and all the air was full of dismay, a little band of stern patriots, encouraged and cheered by their loved chief, kept alive the fires on liberty's altar.

Winfield received his schooling at the village academy; but his *education* was largely carried on at home. His parents never entertained the delusion that their responsibility for their children ended when they paid the bills for their clothing and education. The watchful eye was always upon them; and the successful general probably owes more to his father's tireless help, and his mother's loving counsel in those early days than to his native abilities or his own exertions. Winfield was an apt scholar, proficient in all his studies, with a special taste for scientific investi-