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e General Conference elected Thomas Bow-
 i. Foster, Isaac W. Wiley, Stephen M. Mer-
 k to the office of Bishop. They constituted
 ous men, their names are an honor to the

in oratory, but he was intellectually strong
 worker looking after all the interests of the
 servative, but always stood for the right as
 e was an uncompromising advocate of the
 e was clear in his statements, strong in his
 s. As a presiding officer he had few equals
 ars he filled the office of General Superin-
 t the age of eighty-two he passed over the
 n or his work in the church. No man en-
 church than he. His name shall ever be
 ed him for his Christian spirit and faithful

J. G. EVANS.

OP FOWLER.

at Burford, Ontario, August 11, 1837. He
 ucated in Genesee College. While in col-
 d to the ministry. After his graduation he
 law and entered Garrett Biblical Institute.
 ible Institute, he was received into the
 the following churches in Chicago, Centen-
 ue. When Dr. E. O. Haven was elected
 rd of Education in 1872, Dr. Fowler was
 of the Northwestern University. In this
 , successful. He aimed to get close to the
 by name. Upon many he made a life-long

the *Christian Advocate* and for four years
 the church. In 1880 he was elected Cor-
 ary Society and during four years, by his
 ddresses, greatly aided the cause of mis-
 rdnained Bishop. This office he magnified
 our work in South America. In 1888 he
 ing this visit he organized the Peking Uni-
 versity. Later he made a trip around the
 laysia and India, and while returning to
 Europe and organized the first Methodist
 Russia. He presided at two sessions of the
 at Genesee in 1893, the second at Peoria

time to Miss Etta Warner, who died in a
 to Miss Myra A. Hitchcock, daughter of
 had two children, a daughter who died in
 rorney in New York City. The wife and

son are left to mourn his departure. They have the sympathy of the whole
 Church. He died in New York March 20, 1908.

Bishop Fowler was an unique character. He possessed a rugged mind,
 which forged majestic thoughts and delivered them with tremendous eloquence.
 He was one of the great pulpit orators of his time. "A great man and a prince
 has fallen in our Israel."

J. S. CUMMING.

MRS. RICHARD HANEY.

Mary E. Pearce was born in Urbana, Ohio, Aug. 11th, 1827, and died at
 her home in Monmouth, Ill., Nov. 25, 1907. She grew to womanhood near
 Berwick, Ill. She was married to Judge Ivory Quinby Feb. 17th, 1848, and
 moved to Monmouth, where she lived sixty years. She had two sons, Frank
 Quinby of Anacostes, Wash., and Ivory Quinby of Monmouth, and one daughter,
 Mrs. Dr. Bucknam of Warren, Ill. Judge Quinby died in 1869. On the 1st
 of May, 1877, she was married to the never-to-be-forgotten Dr. Richard
 Haney, who passed to his reward Jan. 27th, 1900.

Mrs. Haney was converted when fifteen years old, and during fifty-six
 years was one of the most useful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
 Her father's family were faithful Methodists. Her brother, Rev. A. G. Pearce,
 was for many years an honored member of the Central Illinois Conference.

Being blessed with worldly goods, she was very generous in aiding every
 benevolent cause. Many young men were helped through college by her gifts.
 She always liberally supported the finances and benevolences of the church, and
 in her will gave largely to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Y.
 M. C. A. and other great enterprises of the church. Her death is a great loss
 to the city of Monmouth and to the church which she loved. When death came
 she said that she was ready and doubtless her spirit passed to meet those who
 had entered before her into the final home of the good.

J. S. CUMMING.