"Our removal from the old place will necessitate that we open a new station somewhere to the south of the district. The funds for this were contributed some years ago, when we contemplated making such a move, which we have hitherto been unable to make, but now it must be done.

## CROWDED CONGREGATIONS.

"I passed Sabbath the 6th inst. at Pechuia, and dispensed the communion there. The chapel was more than filled, it was packed to the door, and with the thermometer standing over ninety degrees I had enough to to bear up through the terrible heat. I had the privilege of receiving five male adults to the membership of the Church. The Pechuia congregation is in good heart, and the work of God seems to prosper with them. We might have bartized more than a hundred persons there during the last two years, had we not been very careful as to the motives and characters of the applicants. But we know we are right in this course, and I am thankful beyond measure to see that the Church is convinced of this.

"The state of matters at Pechuia will also necessitate a new chapel being speedily get there. I would prefer, if possible, that we should build rather than be forced to adapt some Chinese house, an arrangement not at any time satisfactory. But at present we have so much work on hand that we

cannot look of this matter till we get somewhat relieved.

"On the following Sabbath, the 13th inst., I was at Anhai, and dispensed the communion. Here again I had the same crowd and pressure, and we are feeling that we must certainly try to acquire some more suitable place.

"We have some hopes of speedily getting new premises at Chinchew. We have had several places in view, but from the sub-division of property in China it is very difficult to get a sure and sufficient title."

## General Religious Intelligence.

DEATH OF REV. DR. CANDLISH.—Intelligence of the death of Rev-R. S. Candlish, D. D., Minister of Free St. George's, Edinburgh, and Principal of the New College, has just reached us. His health had been declining for some time. Dr. Candlish sustained a part second to that of none in the ecclesiastical proceedings, which issued in the disruption of the Church of Scotland in 1843; and, since that important event, he has been, at least since the death of Dr. Chalmers, the foremost man in the Free Church of Scotland. As a preacher, as a leader in Church courts, as a scholar and theologian, he occupied a prominent place in the very first rank; and few men have left their mark more deeply impressed on the religious character and institutions of Scotland than Dr. Candlish. He died in his 66th year.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.—One of the great events of last month, indeed of the year, has been the great meeting of the General Council of the Evangelical Alliance, in the city of New York. We have spoken of it elsewhere. But we may refer here to a gathering of delegates, belonging to the different families of the Presbyterian family, which was held during the meetings in New York. The meeting was attended by about 150 Presbyterian ministers, and was presided over by Dr. Crosby, Moderator of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the States. Dr. McCosh, of Princeton, acted as Secretary. The object was to consider what