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THE fourth Lambeth Conference will be held in 1897. The first was in 1867, the next two in 1878 and 1888, respectively. This year has been chosen-rather than the one succeeding it, because it will be, as the Archbishop has pointed out, the thirteenth centenary since the landing of St. Augustine in England. It is expected that at the next conference an important part of the proceedings will take place at Canterbury, under, so to speak, the shadow of the chair of St. Augustine, whose thirteenth centenary will be at the same time commemorated.

REGRET has been widely expressed at the death of Dr. Richard Durnford, the seventeenth Bishop of Chichester. His lordship was on his way back to England from a holiday when death overtook him at Basle. Five and twenty years ago, when he was but two years short of three-score years and ten, he was raised to the Episcopal rank on the nomination of Mr. Gladstone, and though he lived to the patriarchal age of 93, he was able to perform his duties to the end with a vigor which was the envy even of men half his years.

It is reported that the Congregationalists are preparing for the Sunday-schools and Bible classes belonging to that body a series of lessons of a denominational character. The reasons assigned for taking this step, instead of continuing the use of the international scheme, is because, being undenominational, it is compelled to refrain from treating those topics in regard to which the various bodies are divided. The consequence is that it has to ignore one important branch of truth—that which touches the principles of church life. Necessarily, therefore, the different denominations must devise their own plans for training their young people in church life. This argument applies with greater force to the Church of England, where doctrines are the foundation of all Christian life and practice.

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