

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1928

Auckland Castle,  
Bishop Auckland.

My dear Harold.

I send you a small book which I have written, and which will, perhaps, give you — if you are sufficiently interested to read it — some clearer notion of the Revised Prayer Book, and the controversy which it has occasioned. Then you may be able to gain from the Canadian newspapers. The matter is extremely important to the Church of England, and it has acquired a considerable

political importance because its rejection by the House of Commons last December has necessarily brought into prominence the question of Disestablishment which had seemed to retain no place in the general interest. The fortunes of the Church of England cannot but be important to the Anglican Communion as a whole, and indeed to the entire Christian Society, however described.

Durham has acquired recently a melancholy distinction by reason of its misfortunes. The shadow of Unemployment lies more darkly on this County than on any other

district of Great Britain save  
only South Wales: and now the  
great castle of Durham, which  
ranks with the Cathedral, as one  
of our noblest historical and  
architectural monuments, is reported  
to be in imminent danger of  
falling down. We have launched  
an appeal for £150,000, which  
is the amount stated by the  
experts to be immediately needed.  
But our chance of raising  
such an amount is, in our  
present circumstances, very  
slight. At present we have  
collected only about £12,000.

The charge of mediæval buildings  
is a serious anxiety. Within the  
last few weeks, two famous towers  
in France have fallen down. All  
human works wear out, and in the  
case of these great fabrics, the process  
of decay is largely concealed: so  
that, in the absence of constant and  
skilled inspection, it is likely to  
be undetected.

I trust that my Godson makes  
good progress, & that your wife  
& yourself are well & happy.

Believe me,

Always your aff<sup>l</sup> Uncle,

Herbert Dunelm: