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Auckland Castle,  
Bishop Auckland.

My dear Harold.

I have to thank  
you for a very charming  
Christmas card. Your two  
children make a fascinating  
picture, and allow me to  
clothe them with many  
virtues. May God's Blessing  
be on them & on their  
parents in the coming year,  
& give them much happiness!

I am sending you a photograph  
of the portrait which has been  
presented to Auckland Castle.  
The painter is Mr. Harold Speed.  
It is thought to be a good  
likeness: & the picture itself  
to be a good piece of work.  
At present it is on view  
in the Art Exhibition in  
Sunderland, and I suppose  
that it will be offered to the  
Royal Academy in the spring.  
Its ultimate destination will

be to hang with the other  
episcopal portraits in the State  
Room of Auckland Castle.

The sword which I am holding  
in my left hand is that which  
belonged to my famous predecessor  
Bishop Anthony Bek, who died  
as long ago as 1310. He was  
a notable soldier, & fought  
against the Scots under Edward I.

This sword is preserved as an  
heirloom in this House. The  
military power of the Bishops

of Durham was taken away by  
Henry VIII. as long ago as 1536: so  
that the sword does now only symbolize  
an ancient memory. But memories  
are not without value, and are  
ever precious to aging men. And  
such, I fear, is your uncle.

With all good wishes  
for the New Year,  
I am,

Your affectionate Uncle,

Herbert Dunelm:

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