

his house in Dover Street, Piccadilly, where he had a splendid lunch ready, and sufficient carriages and omnibuses to take the whole of the brethren to the Albert Hall, giving to each a ticket on which was the number of his carriage, to prevent confusion, and appointing a place to meet again. When the installation was over the carriages were again waiting, and the brethren were taken back to Dover Street, the noble lord driving first in his own carriage to welcome the brethren on their arrival at his house, where another substantial meal was ready for those who would partake of it, and wine in profusion was served during the whole time the brethren were present. Such a truly Masonic gathering did not take place in any other house in London on that great day, and the Staffordshire Masons felt justly proud of their Prov. Grand Master, and it was with very great pleasure when, at the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, it was arranged to present a marriage present to Lady Theresa Talbot, who was about marrying the Viscount Castlereagh. Almost every member of the province subscribed, feeling that in so doing it would in a small way shew the respect and esteem in which they held his lordship.

The late Earl was also, as we learn from the following, an active member of the Church, and ready at all times to enter heartily into Christian

work. The *Daily Express* states:—

“By the sudden and lamented death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Church has lost one of her most faithful and staunch supporters. His death will be deeply and widely felt by many who had learnt to reckon upon that clerical help which was never withheld from any true and hearty Church work. In London, as well as at Ingestre, and at Alton Towers, many benefactions attested his kindness of heart. The clergy found in Lord Shrewsbury a ready friend. None who had the privilege of spending a week at Alton Towers, when the Church Congress was held at Stoke, can ever forget the heartiness with which he threw himself into all the arrangements for the comfort of his guests, amongst whom were several of the American bishops and other clergy. We are reminded at the present time how his lordship spoke twice at the Congress, dealing, in his latter speech, with the subject of Christian burial, and pleasantly drawing a picture of the kind of funeral which he should desire for himself, of the simplest and plainest kind. On the day before his death, Lord Shrewsbury attended and spoke with his wonted geniality at the annual gathering at St. John's College, Hurstpierpoint. None then could have anticipated that so sudden an end was at hand to one who was loved by many, and respected by all who knew him.”