

but the attendance of his many friends and fellow-workers in the various undertakings in which he was interested gave it almost the character of a public funeral.

The public life of Newcastle has lost one of its best known and most familiar figures ; the city one of its most respected and beloved citizens ; but we, as members of the Society of Antiquaries, naturally feel our own loss the most. We shall no more see him entering with his plaid over his shoulder to take his place in the president's chair in this room. Our debates will never again be helped by his wise and courteous guidance, nor enlivened by his ready humour, nor enriched by the treasures which his memory had accumulated in half a century of archaeological study. We shall honour his memory most fittingly by endeavouring to keep alive the enthusiasm which he imparted to us for his own pursuits ; but we shall long feel that there is a painful gap left in our ranks by the removal of our honoured chief, John Collingwood Bruce.

XXXIV.—ROMAN VESSELS OF BRONZE.

IN addition to the bronze vessels of Roman date found in Northumberland and Durham, and described at pp. 162-166, there is in the South Shields Free Library museum the bottom, with the usual concentric circles on it, and part of the sides, of a saucepan, which was found on the Herd sand, at the mouth of the Tyne, near that town.

Three bronze cauldron-like vessels were found near Whitfield in Allendale about the year 1851. With them was found a well preserved colander or strainer four inches and three quarters diameter, with a horizontal handle projecting from one side six inches and a half long. All these vessels are now in the museum of the Society in the Black Gate. In the first edition of *The Roman Wall*, the smallest of the bronze cauldrons and the colander are shewn in Plate XVII., Figs. 1 and 3, and a note on them at p. 444.