

OBITUARY.

THOMAS GABRIEL BAYFIELD, OF NORWICH.

BORN 17 JANUARY, 1817. DIED 27 MARCH, 1893.

MANY who are engaged in scientific and literary work in the city and county of Norwich and Norfolk will learn with regret the death of Mr. Thos. Gabriel Bayfield, which occurred on 27 March, at his residence, Bracondale. The deceased gentleman, who had attained his seventy-seventh year, was the son of an ironmonger, who carried on an old-established business in Magdalen-street. As a lad he was sent to Mr. Brooke's school, at the Greyfriar's Priory, but was afterwards removed to the seminary conducted by Mr. Norman, in Golden Dog-lane, where he acquired a good knowledge of Latin, Greek, mathematics, and the ordinary English subjects. Upon leaving school, at the age of fifteen, he entered the Magdalen-street establishment, and worked for two years with his father, who had originally intended him for the medical profession. His father died in 1834, and young Bayfield remained to assist in the business, which for many years was carried on under the style of Ann Bayfield and Son. In his school-days the lad formed the acquaintance of B. B. Woodward, afterwards Queen's librarian, and S. P. Woodward, the subsequent author of a *Manual of the Mollusca*, both sons of Samuel Woodward, of Norwich, and from them he imbibed a love for archæology and natural history. Possessing an enquiring mind and a memory of remarkable retentiveness, he amassed a rich store of knowledge on archæological, geological, and other scientific subjects. He was regarded as an authority on ancient seals, and rendered great assistance to Dean Goulburn in the compilation of his work on Norwich Cathedral. Mr. Bayfield devoted much attention to electro-types, of which he made many specimens; he also spent considerable time in botanical research, and was much sought after by local scientists, by whom he was greatly respected. In geology he laboured at the Chalk and Norwich Crag, and made a valuable collection of fossils, those from the Chalk being subsequently acquired by the British Museum. He was one of the most active members of the Norwich Geological Society, an enthusiastic member of the Norwich Science Club founded by Dr. J. E. Taylor, whom he succeeded as President, and he was also President of the Norfolk Naturalists' Society. Upon relinquishing business, about sixteen years ago, Mr. Bayfield obtained the appointment of Master of the Blind School, but after discharging the duties of that office for about seven years his health failed, and he retired into private life. He still retained an affection for scientific pursuits, and took great interest in his large and varied collection of antiquities. Mr. Bayfield leaves a widow (the eldest daughter of the late Samuel Woodward), a son, and two daughters. —*Eastern Daily Press.*