

quaint. It runs: "To the memory of Edward Doyle, Esq., late of Trinity College, Oxford, and an inhabitant of this parish, who on his return from the Hot Well, Bristol, where he had been sometime for the recovery of his health, expired suddenly in his carriage on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1793 in the arms of an affectionate Uncle and in the 19<sup>th</sup> year of his age." Then follows poetry by "Y(orick) Smythies, Avunculus."

(A 24) John Smythies, son of William Smythies (A 17) by his second wife Elizabeth Blatch. (Add. MSS. 19,149, fo. 205.)

(A 25) James Blatch, son of James Smythies (A 22), died unmarried (Twining Family Papers) and the male descendants of William Smythies (A 17) then became extinct.

(A 26) Mary Ann Blatch, daughter of James Smythies (A 22), married Rev. Richard Hoblyn, had issue and died in 1869. (Twining Family Papers.)  
The Rev. Richard Hoblyn was Rector of All Saints, Colchester.

(A 27) Elizabeth Blatch, daughter of James Smythies (A 22), married Augustus Beevor, had issue and died 1852. (Twining Family Papers.)

(A 28) Mary Smythies, daughter of William Smythies of Mile End (A 15), was born at Colchester 17 January 1689 and baptized 13 February. (Add. MSS. 19,149, fo. 205.)

(A 29) Dorothy Smythies, daughter of William Smythies of Mile End (A 15).

(A 30) Susan Smythies, daughter of William Smythies of Mile End (A 15).  
N.B.—A 28, 29, and 30 were left £10 each by William Smythies of Witlesham, their grandfather, in his will proved 1715. (See A 10, above.)

(A 31) Palmer Smythies, the *eldest* son of William Smythies of Mile End (A 15) (Letter dated Probate Registry, Somerset House, 30 June 1881, from J. C. C. Smith, Esq., to Francis Smythies, Esq., of Colchester), was born 18 Oct. 1691 and baptized at Mile End, Colchester, 23 October following (Par. Reg.). He was at Sidney-Sussex Coll., Cambridge, became A.B. 1712, A.M. 1716 (Grad. Cant., B.M.), and Fellow of his College 1727 (Twining Family Papers). He succeeded his father as Rector of St. Michael's, Mile End, and was instituted to the living on 28 March 1720 (Morant). On 1 September 1721 he was appointed also Rector of St. Mary Magdalen and Master of King James's Hospital, Colchester. These latter benefices he held till 1773, when he was succeeded by his son John.

The first page of the Register of St. Mary Magdalen, Colchester, contains the following entry:—

"Palmer Smythies appointed Master of the Hospital of King James *alias* St Mary Magdalen Hospital, in Colchester, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1721, By Thomas, Lord (soon after) Earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor, who at his own cost and charges fitted up the church for Divine Service after it had been disused at least ever since the siege of Colchester. The expenses amounted to Fifty-two Pounds six shillings and eleven pence halfpenny."

The last signature in the Register of Palmer Smythies as "Hosp. Magister" is dated 21 December 1772. His son John succeeded him in 1773, in which year his signature as Master appears in the books.

In addition to his other appointments Palmer Smythies held the position of Master of the Royal Grammar School, Colchester, to which post he was elected on 20 December 1727, and held the Mastership till 1776, the year of his death, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel Parr.

The title of Royal Grammar School was conferred by Letters Patent 31 of