

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

With this issue of the "True Knight" we are pleased to present to our readers the photo of and a short sketch of the life of the following distinguished brothers:

Thomas Gleason Sample, Supreme Chancellor.
Ogden H. Fethers, Supreme Vice-Chancellor.
John A. Hinsey, President of the Board of Control.

W. W. Blackwell, Past Supreme Chancellor.

THOMAS GLEASON SAMPLE.

**Installed Supreme Grand Chancellor
September, 1898.**

Thomas Gleason Sample was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 27th, 1843. When very young he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1852 he moved to Harrisburg, in the same State, and where, until the age of fourteen, he attended the public schools. Then he became an indentured apprentice in the print-

ing trade, remaining so employed until the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion in 1861.

Under the first call of President Lincoln for 75,000 troops, for three months, in April, 1861, young Sample enlisted in Company F, 25th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was discharged in July, 1861, the term of service having expired. He re-enlisted in August, 1862, as a private in Company F, 127th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was at once promoted to First Sergeant and at the end of the month was further promoted to Second Lieutenant, being then but a boy. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac and participated in all its engagements. In May, 1864, he became connected with the Quartermaster's Department of the Army of the Cumberland, stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was finally discharged in January, 1865.

Brother Sample joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1877, and was elected Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, of that body, in 1895. For the last three years (1895-1898) he has been a member of the Committee on School Histories, in the National En-



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campment. He was also, for eight years, Secretary of the Soldier's Orphan's Home Commission, which had under its charge over eleven hundred children. In Grand Army circles Brother Sample is known from ocean to ocean, and his friends and well-wishers are legion.

His connection with the Order of Knights of Pythias commenced with his initiation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September, 1869. He as-

sisted at the organization of Fort Duquesne Lodge, No. 260; was one of the organizers of Great Western Lodge, No. 345, and of Leonidas Lodge, No. 385, and was one of the promoters of Lorena Lodge, No. 198, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, of which at this date, September, 1898, he is still an honored member.

As to his record in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: In 1876 he was elected Grand Mas-