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DEDICATION of the murals in memory of William Thomas Fletcher, first principal of Grant high school, was the principal event of the week at Grant high school. It brought to an end four years of planning for a suitable memorial.

The simple dedication program was opened with an invocation led by Dr. W. G. Elliot Jr., Church of Our Father. A. F. Bittner, principal, gave a short history of the murals, and Charles A. Rice, superintendent of schools, spoke on the life of Mr. Fletcher. Short talks, followed by Norman Scovill, president of the Grant High School Alumni association, and Mrs. G. M. Glines, chairman of the school board. Dr. J. F. Dobbs, president of Pacific university, where Mr. Fletcher attended college, gave the principal address.

The murals were dedicated with a few words by Fred Kempe, student body president.

The murals, which were painted by Carl Hoeckner of the Chicago Art institute, symbolically depict the life and ideals of Mr. Fletcher. Funds for them were raised by the student body, faculty members, and friends of Mr. Fletcher.

Great interest has been shown in the murals by Portland art lovers, so they will be on public exhibition later during the term in order to give everyone a chance to view them.

Grant is again filled to overflowing this year, having a student body numbering over 2450, the freshman class being the largest. It is necessary to have double assemblies to accommodate all the pupils.