

## Oculus and Dome:

The dome murals were done by Frederick Lamb. The murals feature four figures placed at the main axes of the building personifying History, Romance, Religion and Science. There are also intermediate figures of Fable, Drama, Lyric and Epic Poetry. Each of the figures has the names of two of the most recognized people in the field. Fable is surrounded by La Fontaine and Aesop, Religion has St. John and Moses, Lyric has Milton and Virgil, Epic Poetry has Homer and Dante, Science has Darwin and Newton, Drama has Shakespeare and Moliere and Romance has Scott and Dumas.

The inscription on the frieze under the dome is "To know wisdom and instruction: To perceive the words of understanding."

Above the figures is the stained glass oculus which forms a skylight "the eye of the dome, which sheds a warm glow and gives the sense of rest so essential in a building."