

as accompanist. In October, Mrs. Stowall Thurman, a member of the Providence Art Club, gave us a one-man show of paintings and lithographs which was opened by a Preview on the 24th. An impressive Xmas Festival entitled "Candlelight and Carols" was held in the Tower Study on Dec. 21st, in which Mr. and Mrs. Fernald^{Looney} brought two beautiful, silver candelabra which they had brought from Europe. A three-week show of "New England Landscapes and Portraits" by Miss Leabelle Richmond Reynolds of the Providence Art Club and Rockport Art Association, which was opened by a tea on April 27th, came to an end only four days ago.

The program in its entirety has served the dual purpose of honoring an important anniversary and of establishing a precedent for the Library's future. During the anniversary year the transition has been made from the old-time conception of a library as merely a depository, from which books might be borrowed, to the modern conception in which, through its educational activities, the Library assumes a position of rightful leadership in the community.

Since activities such as these cannot be carried on without some expense, the Executive Committee voted to assess its own members three dollars apiece, to form a nucleus for a special fund. Various other contributions have been received for this purpose during the year, and it is hoped that donations during the coming year will make a continuation of such activities possible.

In addition to its own activities, the Library has twice served as the center for a ten-week series of discussion groups on "Great Books" and "Great Issues"; and also on alternate Mondays for a series of discussions of the New Testament led by Dr. Tyng. The Aphelocrom Garden Club, the P.T.A. of Winsor School, and a group of Girl Scout