This Society has recently amended its by-laws so as to establish an additional class of members to be known as sustaining members. The purpose of this amendment is to permit corporations, firms, and individual to become members of the Society with a right to nominate individuals for membership in the Society, so that young men entering business may have an opportunity of early associating themselves with those who are concerned in scientific research.

Sustaining members will be expected to select young men whose financial ability is such that the dues of the Society would possibly be a burden and to continue them from year to year until their incomes are sufficient and their interest has been established. A sustaining member may nominate either the same or other individuals each year. In this way it is hoped that the Society will be improved by the process of selecting qualified people for membership and that the sustaining member will be benefited by the improvement in the general character of its staff.

The fee for sustaining members is to be not less than $100 a year. A sustaining member receives the Bulletin and the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society without extra charge, and for each $100 is entitled to nominate five individuals. A sustaining member who pays $500 or more a year is designated as a Patron.

The individuals nominated will have all of the rights and privileges of membership including that of receiving the Bulletin. Their names, however, will first have to be submitted to the Council for election in the usual way.

 Custums Duties on Reprints

A statement concerning the various aspects of the question of import duties on reprints of articles appearing in the Bulletin and in the Transactions may be obtained by writing to the New York office of the Society. While there appears to be no uniform practice among the various Customs Offices in dealing with reprints, a study of the tariff act and the fact that certain Customs Offices admit reprints free of duty indicate that the statutes may be so interpreted that reprints fall on the free list. Accordingly, authors are urged, prior to paying duty charged on reprints, to communicate with the New York office of the Society.