

AMENDMENT OF THE RECORD.

The published Proceedings include a Protocol for each day. The Protocol of Wednesday, November 21st, 1877, states that on that day the case was closed. The Protocol of Friday, November 23d contains the award as rendered. But there is no Protocol given for Thursday, November 22. Yet this day can by no means be held to be a *dies non* in the calendar. For America, at least, it was big with secular importance. Will not the majority of the Commissioners direct the Secretary of the Commission, who was furnished for the occasion by the British Foreign Office, to supply this deficiency?

Or, are we to assume that the ciphering of that memorable day was done in perishable chalk? or on the treacherous slate? and that it is no longer legible? Was a computation, which involved millions, submitted to accountants (one on either side) who should control and verify its accuracy?

Even one other pair of eyes might, perhaps, have discovered some slight but pregnant error—a decimal point misplaced, or too many ciphers brought down. The humblest debtor is entitled in a free country to be furnished with the items of his liability. Even the school boy must show his ciphering as well as his result.

The mere sight of the actual figures would at once calm the public imagination, now left to its own unbridled fancy to discover, as it can, by "what charms, what conjuration, and what mighty magic" the result, which has been announced to us, was reached.

THE PAYMENT.

The day is rapidly approaching—it is the 23d day of November, 1878—on or before which the American Government, in fulfillment of her treaty obligation, is to pay over to the Government of Her Britannic Majesty (unless, in the short interval which remains, that Government shall yet signify a contrary expectation) the amount of the award, which, under the circumstances we have seen, was rendered