

## Correspondence.

DR. WM. H. WAHL, Secretary, The Franklin Institute.

*Dear Sir:*—Enclosed please find a note from Mr. William P. Bancroft, correcting certain statements made by the committee in the obituary notice of the late Mr. William Sellers, in the May *Journal*. I would ask that you give place to Mr. Bancroft's communication in the next issue of the *Journal*, or at all events make the correction that he desires.

Permit me to take advantage of this opportunity to supply one important omission in our memorial, viz.: the fact that William Sellers received the honor of election to membership in the National Academy of Science, in 1873.

Yours truly,

C. SELLERS, JR.

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1905.

COLEMAN SELLERS, JR.

*Dear Friend:*—In the article in the *Journal* of the Franklin Institute respecting William Sellers, and elsewhere in print since his death, I noticed the statement that his maternal grandfather, William Poole, came from England to observe a transit of Venus, and remained here. Our common ancestor, William Poole, who, it is understood, took part in an observance of the transit of Venus, was our great-grandfather, not our grandfather, and was not an Englishman, but an American.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM POOLE BANCROFT.

Wilmington, Del., 5th-mo. 5th, 1905.

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## Book Notices.

### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

*Finnisches Patentgesetz* (Patent Laws of Finland), from John Svanljung, Helsingfors.

*A Treatise on Gear Wheels*, by George B. Grant. Eighth Edition. 1899. Grant Gear Works, Boston, Philadelphia. 8 vo., pp. 103. Numerous illustrations.

*Chemical Survey of the Waters of Illinois*, Report for the years 1897-1902. By Arthur Wm. Palmer, Sc.D., Prof. of Chemistry, University of Illinois print. From the University.

*Catalogue of Machinery and Tools*. Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co., Providence, R. I.

*Mineral Resources of the United States*. Calendar Year 1903. David T. Day, Chief of Division of Mining and Mineral Resources. Washington, Govt. Print, 1904. From the U. S. Geological Survey. (8 vo., pp. 1204.)

*A Primer of Forestry*. Part II. Practical Forestry, by Gifford Pinchot.