Skating at Lindenwood.

St. Charles, Mo., May 9, 1885.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

Your issue of last Friday contained an ungracious and untruthful statement in your notice of skating at Lindenwood which I would correct, and ask you to give the correction as wide a circulation as was given the charge.

It is true that we have a floor for skating of our own and under our entire control, where the young ladies daily exercise in this amusement, innocent in itself. By reason of its exhilarating and healthful influences they are better students, happier and stronger in the duties of school life.

I believe thoroughly in physical education, not only for boys but for girls. Our hall is designed not for skating alone, but for military drill, gymnastics, etc. It is but the beginning of what we propose shall be a completely equipped gymnasium for young ladies. I want to see them strong and happy, cultivating their physical as well as their intellectual capacities.

So much for facts. Now, it is not true that I, as President, "give the young ladies instruction every day." I know nothing of the art practically, never having had a skate on in my life. They exercise daily, under the direction of a lady teacher, and skating is an optional part of a system of exercises. Hence, the charge you made, that I was "usurping the awful prerogatives of the dandy gym-teacher," was without foundation and calculated to do harm.

I gladly afford my students every opportunity for enjoyment in proper amusements, at the same time never forgetting the dignity and proprieties of my high profession. The teachers and students of Lindenwood are my best witnesses. Yours truly,

Robert Irwin, President.