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**Dr. Squire Ends Inquiry Into Accident at New Rochelle College.**

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**NEW ROCHELLE, Jan. 9.**—Medical Examiner Amos O. Squire said this evening he would not hold any individual responsible for the death of Miss Frances Covey of Messina, N. Y., and the injuring of Miss Marie McDonough of Worcester, Mass., yesterday when they fell down an elevator shaft at the College of New Rochelle, where they are students.

A letter will be written to the school authorities, however, in which Dr. Squire will advise that students be directed to keep away from the shaft, not to play hide and seek in it, as the victims were doing, and that the doors to the shaft be locked and keys kept from all students.

Miss McDonough, who is in the New Rochelle Hospital, was said to be improving today.

## GIRL ACTS TO SUE COLLEGE.

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## GIRL ACTS TO SUE COLLEGE.

Student Hurt in Fall in Elevator  
Shaft at New Rochelle.

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WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 21.—

Patrick J. McDonough of Worcester, Mass., has been appointed legal guardian of his 18-year-old daughter Marie, formerly a student at the College of New Rochelle, in a decision filed here today by Supreme Court Justice Taylor. The legal step was taken, according to Sydney A. Syme, attorney of record for McDonough and his daughter, preparatory to bringing suit against the college for damages of \$100,000 for injuries received by the girl in a fall down an elevator shaft at the college.

The accident in which Miss McDonough was injured, and in which Miss Frances Covey, 18, of Messina, N. Y., another student, was killed, occurred in a dormitory of the college on Jan. 8.

According to a report at the time, the two girls were playing hide and seek with other students, and opened the door leading to the freight elevator, believing that it was a closet door. They fell three stories, according to a statement made to the New Rochelle police.

The papers filed today said Miss McDonough received a fracture of the thigh and internal injuries which have confined her to her bed since that time and which probably will permanently incapacitate her.

No papers in a damage action have been filed.

## BARS SUIT ON GIRL'S DEATH

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# BARS SUIT ON GIRL'S DEATH

**Court Dismisses Action Against  
College Over Plunge in Shaft.**

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WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 27.

—Supreme Court Justice Frank L. Young dismissed today a suit for \$100,000 damages brought against the College of New Rochelle by Elmer H. Covey of Messina, N. Y., father of Frances Covey, a student, who fell down an elevator shaft in the college on Jan. 8, 1928. Attorneys for the college had asked for a dismissal on the ground that the complaint was not served within two years after the death of the girl.

Miss Covey, who was 18 years old, plunged down the shaft with Marie McDonough of Worcester, Mass., as they ran from other girls during a game of tag. Miss McDonough recovered.

Mr. Covey in his complaint said his daughter had opened a door she thought led to a room and stepped into the elevator shaft, which he alleged was not properly guarded.

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**SUE COLLEGE OVER FALL.**

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## **SUE COLLEGE OVER FALL.**

### **Former Student and Father Seek \$150,000 From New Rochelle.**

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**WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 24.—**Damages totaling \$150,000 are asked from the College of New Rochelle in suits filed here today by Patrick Mac-Donough of Worcester, Mass., whose daughter Maxie, a former student at the college, was seriously injured when she fell four floors through an elevator shaft.

Miss Frances Covey of Messina, N. Y., was instantly killed in the same accident, which occurred at Maura Hall on Jan. 8, 1928. Mr. Mac-Donough asserts that his daughter thought she was walking into a class-mate's bedroom when she fell into the open shaft. The girl asks \$100,000 and the father \$50,000.

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