ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 8th June 1895

A PROMPT RESCUE. – An attempt is being made to obtain some recognition for a boy named Samuel BARTON, aged 14, whose prompt action and presence of mind were undoubtedly the means of saving three lives one day last week. It appears that BARTON had put on board a small sailing boat, at her moorings to the west of the Pier, Mr. BRADING, (the ticket clerk at the Pier), his little boy and another man. They hoisted the sail but, something going wrong with the gear, the man incautiously climbed the mast to put it right. Thereupon, his weight, added to the force of the wind, instantly capsized the boat, and threw the party into the water. Young BARTON was rowing back to the Pier at the time, but, when he saw what had occurred, he displayed great alacrity. He soon got to the capsized boat, pulled the boy into his own skiff, and held on to Mr. BRADING, who, having been hampered with the sail of the boat, and anxious for his son, seemed greatly exhausted. The other man clung to the stern. Mr. E.F. BROOK was in a skiff at the time, and was under the Pier when he noticed the accident. He, however, got out as quickly as he could to the capsized boat, and picked up BRADING. All the party acknowledge the promptitude of young BARTON, and an effort is being made by Ald. MARVIN and Mr. BROOK to obtain some acknowledgment for him from the Royal Humane Society, which we hope will be successful.

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