

has he made that great sacrifice. He has done it in the pest house, on the barricade and on the battlefield. He has cheerfully done it in every possible situation in which he might manifest his love of God and of His creatures. Into paying this tribute of respect and admiration we have been impulsively led by an incident thus reported in the *Argus* of Tuesday last :

Father Newport, of Port Chalmers, has been drowned. He was returning in a boat from Portobello, where he had been conducting divine service, and had three boys with him. When abreast of Quarantine Island the boat capsized. Other boats put off, and the boys were rescued and landed on the island. Father Newport was a good swimmer, but he exhausted his strength in getting a boy on to the bottom of the boat and in keeping him there. His body was recovered.

Father W. Newport, who thus thought so lightly of his own life that he did not hesitate to imperil it still more seriously in an effort to save the lives of the three boys in his charge, was pastor of St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Port Chalmers, in the Diocese of Dunedin. The reverend gentleman proved himself on this occasion a true pastor of the flock that had been committed to his care. To save the lives of three of the least of them he did not hesitate to risk his own, and that he lost it in the effort entitles his memory to the highest respect and veneration it is in the power of survivors to pay it.

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## PRAYERS SOLICITED.

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That the year 1897 may witness the realization of the desires of His Holiness Leo XIII, for the re-union of the separated Churches, and for the happiness of peoples.

That the same year may be filled with special benedictions for all the friends and benefactors of the Institute, and for all the readers of "*The Voice of the Precious Blood.*"

For all those who suffer from any infirmity whatsoever, either physical or spiritual, that they may personally experience that the Blood of Jesus is a balm for all sorrows of the soul, a remedy for all pains of the body, an efficacious mediator in all cases when It is fervently invoked.