

Wall Crash

Steelband Men Attend Funeral Of Colleague

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CARENAGE, Oct. 23—Dressed in black trousers and white shirts and wearing black ties and mourning bands, some 40 members of the Spellbound steelband of the New Settlement Village, Carenage, helped to swell the crowd that turned out to pay final tribute yesterday afternoon to the late Albert James, popularly called "Slim," one of the victims of last Thursday's Frederick Street "wall tragedy" which claimed four lives.

The band carried no instruments.

The corpse was borne by six members of the band of which "Slim" was a member.

Paying tribute to "Slim," one of the members of the band said today that his death was a great blow to the band "for Slim always inspired us."

He added: "We never had any clashes. In fact, if ever we tried that, that would have meant an end of the band so far as "Slim" was concerned."

"Slim" was buried in the Carenage Cemetery after a burial service.

Mourning his death at the graveside, his mother recalled the death of his father under almost similar circumstances about three years ago.

On the suggestion of Councillor Randolph Mitchell, president of the St. James Working Council, at a meeting held on Friday night, the Council passed a vote of condolence to the bereaved relatives of the victims of the Frederick Street disaster.