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TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REV. WILLIAM
J. BARRETT - CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LEEWARD IS-
LANDS DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH

by
The Rev. K. R. Khan,
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The news of the death of The Rev. WILLIAM J. BARRETT was a shock to his many friends throughout the Caribbean - Methodists and non-Methodist alike. In his passing the W.I. Methodist church has lost a good minister of Jesus Christ.

As a Circuit minister, his influence upon the more thoughtful of his people was far reaching, and by his warm friendly personality, he mediated for many throughout the islands, the love of the Master he served so faithfully.

He was the first Methodist minister to be appointed to the Aruba circuit and with our own Richard Hazel can be looked upon as the "Father of Methodism" for that is-

land. He has also served for many years in Curacao and dominica. Rev. Barrett has claimed many Windward Islanders as his personal friends and had a tender spot in his heart for the Netherlands Antilles. As Chairman of the District, he was never too busy with his own problems to give advice and active help to both small and momentous matters when referred to him. He has done as much as any man to help our people grow spiritually.

In his missionary service and in his saintly Christian character, there were marks of true greatness, and he won the affection and respect of not only his people, but of his colleagues, both W.I. and missionary alike.

He has given 35 of his 60 years to the Church and people he had loved so well, and his name will ever live in W.I. Methodism.

ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE FUNERAL OF
THE LATE REV. WILLIAM J. BARRETT

by

The Rev. Lenard C. Carty, M.B.E.

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2 Cor. 11 - 28. "And apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches."

Anxiety for - 'Care of...' A phrase which has haunted me ever since I first paced the corridor outside the room at Holberton Hospital last Thursday morning, and continued to pace it through what seemed endless days and nights. 'Care of the Churches'.

St. Paul listed for the Corinthian Church the burden which had been placed upon him, and concludes with this statement. It seemed to me a fitting word, a word I must say on behalf of my friend and Father in Christ. He carried a heavy burden these last five years, and it was not just the Antigua Methodist Church, but the whole Methodist Church of the Leeward Islands District - In Dominica, Montserrat, in Nevis, in St. Kitts, in St. Eustatius, in St. (See "ADDRESS" on page 4)