

## The Last Words of Robert Barrow

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**R**OBERT BARROW ( -1697) was a waller and minister, of Kendal. He travelled extensively in the British Islands and American Colonies. See *F.P.T.* 261.

The following account of the closing scenes of his life is taken from the Minutes of London Y.M. 1698 :

“ An Accot<sup>t</sup> from Pensilvania concerning R<sup>t</sup> Barrow and Rob<sup>t</sup> Wardells<sup>t</sup> Travells and Exercises and great Hardships and dangers they Endured Read, giving an Accot<sup>t</sup> y<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Barrow Travelled till he had holes in his feet & was left behind, but after gote to them again and gote Strength in his Travells. Afterwards R<sup>t</sup> Barrow was taken sick of the fflux & in his Weakness declared his heart was strong, his Memory mind and Understanding good and the Lord was with him, and his presence attended him, and Cautioned ffrids<sup>s</sup> not to consent to the settlem<sup>t</sup> of the Worlds Teachers among y<sup>m</sup> nor to Touch with the Malitia but stand Cleare and y<sup>e</sup> Lord would be with them, and y<sup>t</sup> he had been with him and supported him, and of his being a prison<sup>r</sup> seven Times. Exhorted ffrinds to love one another, to meet often together and Added neither Gould or Silver nor any Earthly things could have prevailed with him to have left his wife, w<sup>ch</sup> was Gods Gift to him and he was Gods Gift to her, and he only left her in obeidence to the Lord, and his last words were God is good.”

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44.—Vol. I., p. 1.—The Bretlands were staunch Parliamentarians and Nonconformists. Martin Bretland was Mayor of Chesterfield in 1608-9, and Reginald Bretland in 1645, while Thomas Bretland presided

<sup>1</sup> Robert Wardell, a Sunderland man, died in Jamaica, 1696. See THE JOURNAL, X.