

ROBERT TRIMBLE OF INGLEWOOD

work for the cause. Trimble himself wrote a number of pamphlets on aspects of the struggle, which of course was waged with almost equal assiduity on paper and in the field. Others of the movement wrote similarly, and the selected list which follows gives some indication of some of these. It is noticed that a number of these items do not appear in Sabin's *Dictionary of Books relating to America*. The group is of interest, too, for the presence of notices of meetings, handbills, open letters, etc. What is presumably a contemporary printing of the song "Dixie" is noticed among these latter.

Among his papers is a manuscript account of the origin and growth of the movement in Manchester, the personalities who supported it, and the books they wrote. The MS is not long, but it gives a good clear picture, here and there especially so. For example, he describes an incident at the inaugural meeting: "A debate of an interesting character sprang up. Mr James Spence (the N.S. of the Times and author of *The American Union*), was present and in eloquent terms denounced the hypocrisy of the North, and praised the "chivalry" of the South. Slavery was pronounced "scriptural" and "patriarchal" and poor Onesimus was trotted out once more to prove that injustice is the very highest form of justice. He sat down with an air of triumph, which I can never forget. Applause was loud and continuous. Before it was over a man that I then only knew by name, but knew intimately ever after, was upon his feet, waiting for attention. Mr Spence was a dainty looking little man, with a pleasant voice and graceful presence. The man about to reply, John Patterson by name, was a burley Ulster man with loud voice and energetic action. As soon as Mr Patterson got a hearing, he took a little Bible out of his pocket and first addressed himself to the task of answering the Scriptural arguments of Mr Spence. He made the house ring with denunciations of Man-stealers, and of oppressors of the poor. The year of Jubilee was not forgotten, in fact the little pocket Bible had the effect of a gigantic bomb-shell. Neither before nor since have I heard so able an extempore rejoinder. There was no occasion for further discussion. The resolution was put and carried almost unanimously."