

"Reporter's Companion") was issued in 1843; 2nd edition in 1846; 3rd, 1849; 4th, 18th thousand, 1853; becomes the "Phonographic Reporter" in 1869; 43rd thousand in 1870; and then various editions reaching in 1884 to 118,000.

"Exercises in Phonography" were first published in 1847; the 210th thousand was published in 1884, price one penny.

The "Phonographic Instructor," afterwards called "Phonographic Teacher." The earliest edition of this work I have met with is the 9th edition, published 1852; the 220th thousand was announced in 1853; many intermediate editions, a revised edition in 1874, and 924th thousand in 1884.

Here I have selected only four of Mr Isaac Pitman's publications as examples; and the aggregate circulation shown is 1,677,000. I knew, large as these figures are, that they were small compared with the actual facts. Hence, in view of this sketch, I recently addressed a few queries to Mr Pitman personally, and from his reply dated "Phonetic Institute, Bath, 14th July, 1884," I take a few passages, either in elucidation of the preceding, or as embodying facts of interest.

Concerning the "Manual," he says: "Of the four previous editions about 20,000 were sold. Of the 5th edition, when it was first called "A Manual of Phonography," I printed 10,000 as a Pocket Edition; royal 32 mo., roan, 2/; 8,000 of the People's Edition, 8vo., 1/; and 6,000 of the School Edition, 8d." I numbered the editions up to eleven, and then gave up this mode of reckoning and merely mentioned the number of copies on the title page. From the 5th edition to the present time I have published 425,000 copies of the "Manual," and of the "Phonographic Teacher" 884,000. The annual sale of the "Teacher" is about 60,000; "Manual," 20,000; "Reporter," 10,000; I have also about 14 reading books printed in shorthand, and Mr Frederick Pitman has about 10. This large amount of shorthand literature has been disposed of in Great Britain, the Colonies, and the United States. A larger proportion has been circulated in the North of England and Scotland than in the South of England. Canada and Australia have taken about the same quantity as England in their ratios of population. A very large portion has gone to the United States. My trade with the United States and Canada increases fast."

I have given these facts feeling sure they will be interesting to you; placing, myself, the most absolute reliance upon all that Mr Pitman states. Dr Westby-Gibson, (referring to works on Phonography), says, in a note to me, "My 'Key' whether right or wrong, has over 60 books fairly to be noted as distinct, and exclusive (of course) of books in character, and of magazines. If I were to add editions, there would be over 400, and the magazines would be legion." If we add to the preceding the numerous