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The object was, in fact, by means of his instrument to form part of the auditory of the Rev. Dr. Mellor, who was conducting his usual service at the Square Congregational Church, Halifax. One of the ordinary conducting wires of the railway was used for the purpose.

The distance between Manchester and Halifax was the wire was 36 miles. Precisely at 10:30 o'clock the service commenced with the singing of a hymn, which was reproduced through the telephone almost perfectly. The service of Dr. Mellor being heard above that of the congregation. Afterward there was prayer and reading of the scriptures.

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