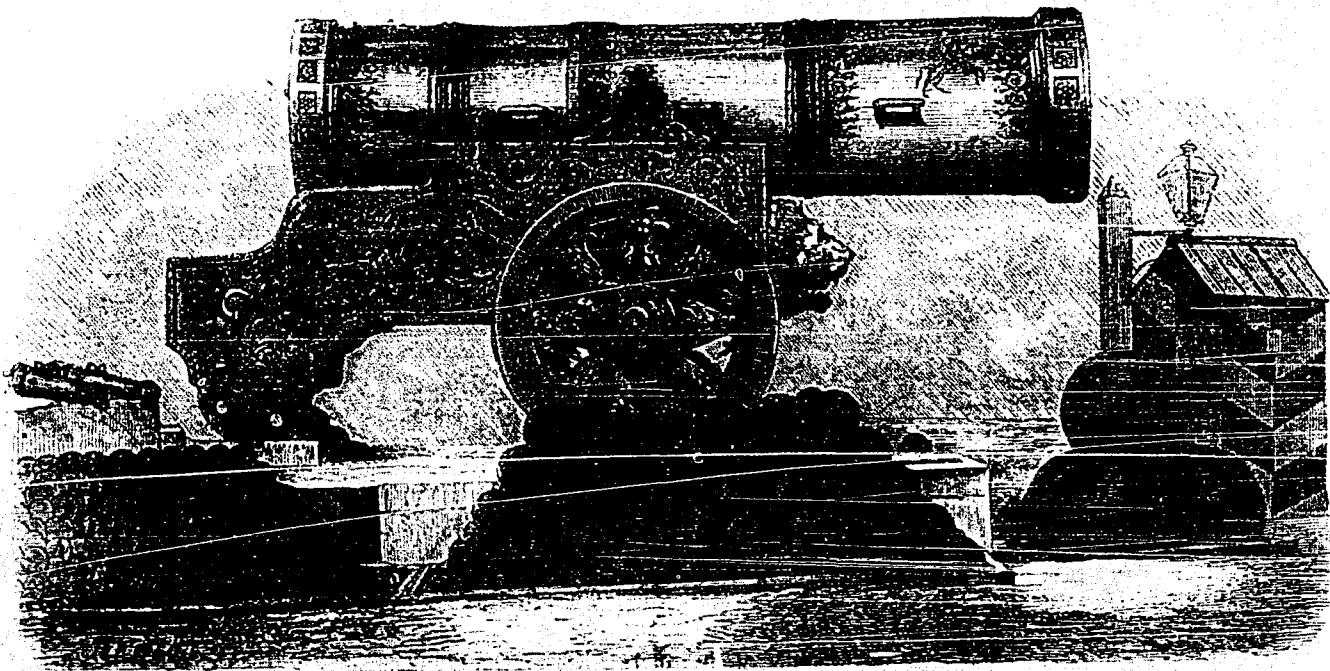


MEDAL STRUCK BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON COMMEMORATIVE OF THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING MEDAL.

This medal was struck by order of the Corporation of London (Eng.) to commemorate the National Thanksgiving for the recovery of the Prince of Wales, held in St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th February, 1872. The obverse bears an allegorical group representing the City of London inviting Her Majesty the Queen and the Prince of Wales to the Cathedral, with Britannia looking on approvingly. In the background we catch a glimpse of the sacred edifice, and beneath the group is the text which was placed over the west front of the Cathedral on Thanksgiving Day, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

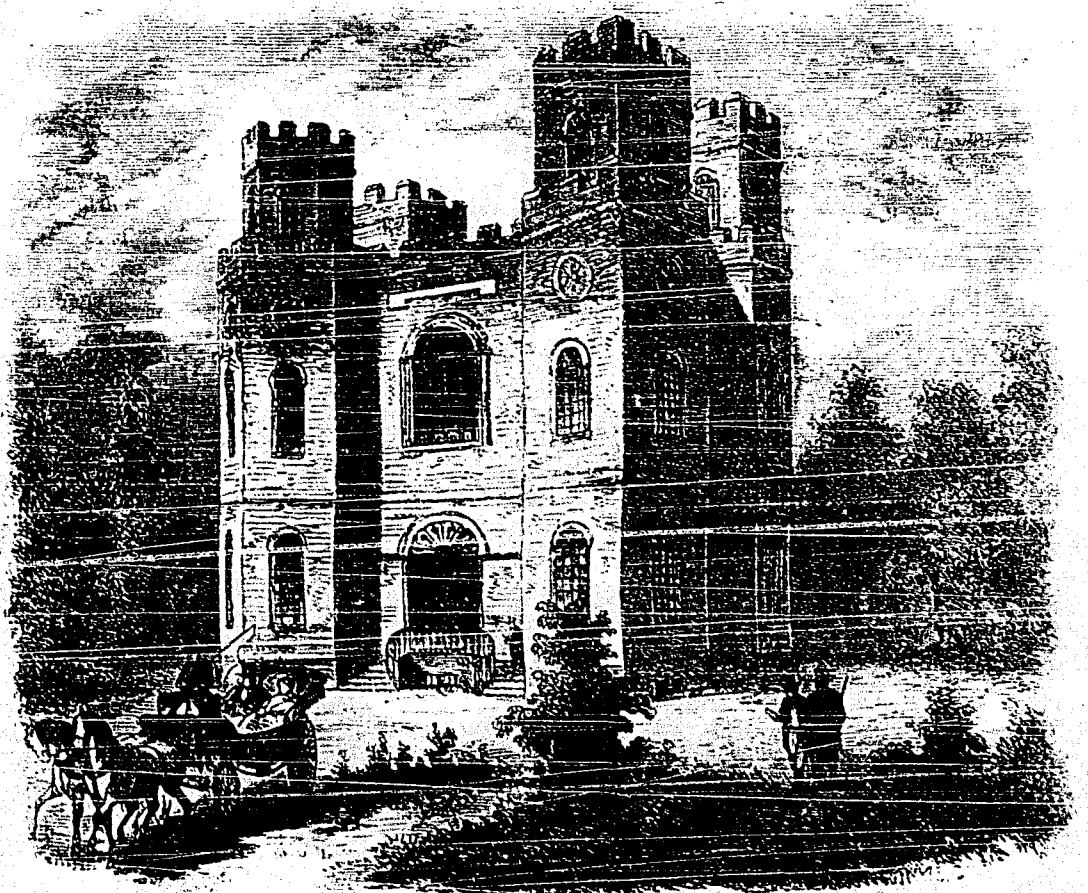


CZAR-PUSHKA, THE GREAT GUN IN THE KREMLIN AT MOSCOW.

On the reverse of the medal is a view of the interior of the Cathedral during the Thanksgiving Service; on either side of which appear the Royal Arms of the United Kingdom, and those of the City of London, with an appropriate inscription. The medal is exactly three inches in diameter, and the minuteness of detail has rendered the work one of more than ordinary difficulty. It was entrusted to Messrs J. S. and A. B. Wyon, engravers to the Queen, but the former of those gentlemen died while it was yet unfinished, and it has been completed by his brother, Mr. A. B. Wyon, who has yet another commission from the Corporation of London to execute one in commemoration of the visit of the Shah of Persia.



CZAR-KOLOKOL, THE BIG BELL OF MOSCOW.



THE MUSEUM OF ARMS AT TSARSKOE-SELO.