

AN HISTORIC CANNON.

At the penal establishment at St. Helena there is an old 24-pounder gun which was cast in 1802. What are its historical associations is at present unknown, but it is easy to imagine through what scenes the gun may have passed. Its use at the prison was to give warning in the event of prisoners escaping, but as modern methods, such as the telephone, are now in operation, the Home Secretary is discussing the advisableness of transferring the gun and oak timber, both in good order, to Brisbane.

The suggestion might here be made that the gun in question and the gun sent out by Kitchener may perhaps find a position side by side.