

ANOTHER ALLEGED GREAT SCANDAL.—The *Eastern Morning News* reports a story that a certain peer, now about sixty, married, some thirty years ago, the daughter of another peer, and that at the time he contracted this marriage he was already married. When very young he had fallen in love with a girl of obscure origin and induced her to become his mistress. In order to quiet her scruples he went through a form of marriage, which he believed to be null and void, and which she, too, must have supposed to be so. By his second marriage he has a large family—some in the law, some in the Church, some in the Civil Service, and many of the daughters are well married. There are also children by the first wife. A few years ago this wife-mistress consulted the lawyers, and was assured by them that her marriage was perfectly legal. Thereupon she naturally desired to establish the legitimacy of her children and her own right to be Countess. But for a time the sinews of war were not forthcoming. Very recently a wealthy brother has returned from Australia, and he, preferring to be brother to a Countess instead of to an Earl's mistress, has furnished the necessary funds, and it is expected that the case will shortly come on for trial."

UPPINGHAM OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS.—An examination will be held in the school-room at Uppingham, on Easter Tuesday, for four scholarships—two of the value of £50 per annum each, and two of the value of £30 per annum each, tenable at the school for three years. Candidates must send in their names, with testimonials to character and a properly attested certificate of age, to the head master by the Saturday fortnight previous. No candidate is eligible who shall have reached the age of fourteen on March 1.

MR. W. H. SMITH, M.P., will take the chair at the annual dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund, which will take place at Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James's, on Saturday, May 14.