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Mrs. J. Swan, her housekeeper, who told Mr. Thomson's relatives and friends in the city.

Mrs. Thomson was married in 1938 at the age of 18 in Dornoch Cathedral. Her husband was in the same year adopted prospective Tory candidate for Stirling and Falkirk, but was defeated by Mr. Joseph Westwood, present Secretary of State for Scotland.

The five children are Betty, aged seven; Margaret, six; Louise, three; Mary, two, and William, eight months.

Said Mrs. Swan last night: "They went off every year at the end of July for their summer holidays in Skibo.

There was great rejoicing in the Thomson household when their son was born.

"He was the apple of their eye

"Mrs. Thomson was what I would have thought her grandfather would be—straight, down to the earth and very friendly. She helped to prepare meals for her own children, helped with the housework, and was to me a personal friend."

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, the philanthropist's widow, died last June.

Twenty-one new cases yesterday in Scotland.—See Page Three.

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LATEST

FARBEN TRIAL NEXT WEEK

NUREMBERG, Thursday.—Trial of 21 chiefs of the I. G. Farben chemical combine on charges of backing Hitler's war-making will begin in Nuremberg next Thursday.—Reuter.