

ECHOES OF LIFE

"PETER PAN"

A play commended in a Religious Magazine! See the hands uplifted and see the looks of horror coming over the faces of the modern successors of our sedate Scottish ancestors!

Yes, but there are Plays and Plays, and this is a play which purifies "play," and heart-touchingly represents the dear dream-and-fancy-fed days of childhood. This child's story of fairyland is certainly one of the finest pieces of Barrie's work, and with such an interpreter in the role of the principal part as Miss Maude Adams, the whole production must have come as near to reality in the eyes of the audience as many children wish, and some believe, it to come in actual experience. The best and most that need be said of Miss Adam's work is that one could not in the course of the play think of her as any other than the character she represented. The pathetic appeal for belief in fairyland, on the response to which the life of the attendant fairy is made to depend, is one point in the play which brings the exponent of "Peter Pan" close to the audience; and no doubt the intensity and naturalness put into the appeal by "Peter" have much to do with the practical demonstration given in response.

Most of Barrie's books are well known, and it is likely that such plays as "Peter Pan" will be even more widely known. But if he has proved himself a wonderful interpreter of child thought and child life, it is well to remember that he has also shown himself a master-craftsman in making a record affecting the other extreme of life's journey in his remarkably fine book about his mother. "Margaret Ogilvy, by her son, J. M. Barrie," is perhaps less known than some of his other books, but none of his writings is more worthy of attention. Some may hold it one of the finest tributes in literature by a son to a mother; though its value may be enhanced in the view of those who happen to have had experience connected with the same district in Scotland.

To any son who wishes to send his mother a book gift, we can unhesitatingly recommend "Margaret Ogilvy."

EXTENDING THE CHURCH'S OUTPOSTS

Though, as is a natural after-Assembly result, we have no page of church news this month, we are gratified to learn that among the latest arrangements made by the H. M. Superintendent there has