

Children's Theatre

MORE than 40 children swarming on to the stage of the Civic Theatre and mobbing a "thief" is just one of the many highlights in "Emil and the Detectives," which delighted an audience of schoolchildren last night.

The play—presented by the Leeds Children's Theatre—has a cast of 70. Adult roles are taken by members of Leeds Arts Centre, who are also responsible for the production.

A 14-year-old boy of Leeds Modern School, Leslie Burns, gave a perky portrayal in the title role. Jeremy Smart was a lively Gus, and David Wigley in the more stolid role of the Professor was assured.

Pat Burtonshaw—the only girl in the cast—holds her own well.

Herbert Stead, as the sinister man in the bowler hat, and Arthur Ridley gain the children's full attention in their adult roles.

Further performances will be given to May 30.