

Delectable Dainties for Christmastide.

Many are the dainties offered for the delectation of small and great at this season of the year, but a more delightful Christmas-box than a package of the good things supplied by Messrs. Cadbury and Co., of Bournville, it would be difficult to imagine. The standard of excellence and purity of all goods supplied by this firm is well known, and when they come in charming boxes tied up with the prettiest of ribbons the pleasure they convey is increased twofold. One box before us, in white and red, has the word Christmas on an inset medallion, then there are Dragees in a rose-red package tied up with gold thread. Another with a lid resembling a panel in copper is tied up with a pale green ribbon, and contains a variety of delectable dainties, while, as a beverage, Cadbury's Cocoa Essence can scarcely be surpassed.

Gifts for Children.

The Mazawattee Company have this year made a new departure in issuing some dainty boxes filled with a cake of good chocolate (which can be sent through the post) for 1d., or, containing milk chocolate, price 2d. Inside the box an invitation to children's parties can be included if desired, and this novel card is likely to be very popular with the little folk.

Useful Books of Reference.

THE ENGLISHWOMAN'S YEAR-BOOK.

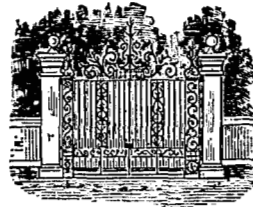
Amongst the many books of reference which are now annually published none is more welcome to us than the "Englishwoman's Year-Book," which we invariably keep at hand and constantly consult. Year by year it seems to us that this book, which is edited by Miss Emily Janes, the busy Organising Secretary of the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, increases in value, as increasing experience shows what additions are desirable to this unique work of reference. It is a book which everyone should possess. It is published by Adam and Charles Black, Soho Square, W.C., price 5s.

WHO'S WHO.

Uniform with the above, and published by the same firm, is "Who's Who," a concise annual biographical dictionary, which is too well known for it to be necessary for us to say more than that it is now obtainable for 1903.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



of the work of the guild.

The King has made a selection of books for Christmas presents, bound by the Guild of Women-Binders, and has been graciously pleased to accept a specially-bound copy of "The Bindings of Tomorrow," which reproduces fifty of the finest examples

The late Queen, writes "T. P." in *T. P.'s Weekly*, when she came to the throne was practically penniless, and though she told Melbourne so, did not get anything more from that cautious old politician than sympathetic smiles; and if it had not been that the bankers Messrs. Coutts made her temporary advances, she would have been very much embarrassed. By 1839, nearly twenty years after the death of her father, she had transferred £50,000 from her private purse to his creditors, and had paid all his debts after the honourable, business-like fashion in which she dealt with money all through her long life.

A new club for girls was opened last week in Butler Street, Shepherd Street, Commercial Street. The President, Lady Sassoon, opened the building, which will certainly prove of use to the girls in the East-end. After briefly declaring the club open, and prayer having been offered by the Chief Rabbi, the visitors made an inspection of the rooms. The president is assisted by a small committee, including Mrs. E. Sebag Montefiore, treasurer; Miss Adler, chairman of the executive committee; and Miss Solomon, the hon. secretary.

Dr. Parker bequeathed £5,000 to his secretary, Miss Fairbrass, in recognition of her devotion during a period of extreme physical weakness.

In her book, "The Brunt of the War and Where it Fell," Miss Emily Hobhouse writes:—"The deaths of the Boer children will not have been in vain if their blood should prove to be the seed of the higher rule of nations. Their innocent histories ought to become fully known and widely understood, and so implant a hatred of war and a shrinking from its horrors which shall issue in a ripened determination amongst the kingdoms of the world to settle future differences by methods more worthy of civilised men."

The Act passed by the New South Wales Legislature to extend the Parliamentary franchise to women has been circulated in the form of a Parliamentary White Paper. The measure, which received the Royal Assent on August 27th, confers on women the right to vote at elections of members of the Legislative Assembly, but provides that nothing in the Act shall be taken to enable or qualify a woman to be nominated as a candidate at any election or to be elected as a member.

There are some recommendations which sound quaintly enough to ears at home in the "code of

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