

FERTILISATION OF PLANTS.

(Continued from p. 204.)

MR. DARWIN has been good enough to notice one of my omissions and to explain it as due to a misprint of "self-fertilised" for "crossed," so that the sentence on p. 275 now runs as follows:—"The most probable explanation [of the ratio 100 : 232] is that the seeds from which the crossed plants of the third generation were raised were not well ripened (i.e. this will account for the self-fertilised beating the crossed), for I observed an analogous case with *Linum*. Self-fertilised seedlings of this latter plant, which were known to have been produced from seeds not well matured, grew from the first much more quickly than the crossed plants, which were raised from better matured seeds; so that having thus once got a great start they were enabled ever afterwards to retain

