

REPORT OF JUDGES ON GREENHOUSES AND WINDOW GARDENS.

The undersigned having been appointed members of a Committee of three, to examine and report upon the Greenhouses and Window Gardens entered to compete for the prizes offered by the Society in February, 1883, having carefully examined and compared, in company, the exhibits of the various competitors, have to report, as follows :—

As to greenhouses and conservatories, there were but four entries, namely, the houses of Messrs. Andrew Allan, Andrew Mackay, Mrs. J. Redpath and Mr. William Lunn. It is not easy to establish a comparison between a house like the first, where, in different compartments, are grown greenhouse plants, stove plants, and early fruits and vegetables, with other houses less complete and extended in plan ; but the Committee, after weighing these differences, and considering the rules laid down for their guidance in judging, have given, out of 30 possible points, 29 points to Mr. Allan's house, 26 to Mr. Mackay's, and 24 to Mrs. Redpath's, recommending these for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. The display of bloom and of fine foliage plants in both the first and the second is worthy of high commendation, as also that of early beans, lettuce and strawberries in the first. We note moreover that the remarkable show of bloom in the third, under disadvantages arising from the limited facilities of the house, reflects the highest credit on the gardener's management.

As regards Mr. Lunn's establishment, it should be remarked that the fact that it is largely devoted to growing plants for sale, prevents it from competing on equal terms with places kept only for private purposes. Yet considering the skill and judgment shown in its management, we recommend therefor, as a special prize, the Diploma of the Society. At the same time, we venture