

of every case, not only in the presence of all the Students, but also before a general audience. We gain nothing by privacy. It will be recollected also that the Committee are required by the Synod, to give a certificate to each Student respecting his literary and philosophical pursuits during the session. This duty we shall be able to perform only on our receiving from each, a certificate by the Professors he has attended, assuring us of his regularity and proficiency. It may be proper further to remark, that the plea of being engaged with other avocations so as to prevent one from attending to his studies during the winter, surely cannot be recognized as legitimate. Study is the proper business of the season; and it seems quite reasonable that to that everything should give way. If we would present to the church men qualified for preaching, at the end of their course, the time of the course itself must be devoted to preparation.

(To be concluded in our next.)

## Reviews of Books.

OUTLINES OF THEOLOGY, BY THE REV. A. ALEXANDER HODGE, *Pastor of the Presbyterian Church Fredricksburg, Virginia.* Royal 8vo pp. 522. New York, Carter & Brothers, 1860.

The author of this work is a son, and former pupil, of the celebrated Dr. Charles Hodge of Princeton; and acknowledges that in bringing together his materials he has used the list of questions given by his father to two successive classes, and has also had frequent oral communication with him on the subject both in public and private. The Theology, then, we suppose is substantially that of the illustrious Professor, and to many this will be no small recommendation of the book.

The range of topics is considerably extensive—much more so than is to be found in many modern systems. It is not quite so full, however, as that of Dr. Dick. It has in fact nothing corresponding to the last ten of his Lectures which are occupied with the consideration of the Church—its various forms of Government—and the Moral Law. But on some points, it is much ampler than his work. For example, in treating of Creation, there is a recognition of Geology, for which Dr. D. had a great and unreasonable contempt. He sneeringly tosses it aside, quoting Cowper who represents geologists as saying of the world,

“That He who made it, and revealed its date  
To Moses was mistaken in its age.”

Whereas almost all recent interpreters of Scripture are agreed that if God revealed the date of the creation to Moses, neither he, nor any one else, has communicated it to us. Mr Hodge, on the contrary, admits all the leading facts for which geologists contend, and main-