abreast of the times. We cannot over-estimate the importance of providing trained men who, by scientific methods, can accurately diagnose and can apply modern exact preventative and therapeutic measures in combating contagious diseases of animals which are intercommunicable, thus not only promoting in a most important way one of the foremost branches of Canadian commerce (cattle and cattle products), but raising safeguards to public health, by the extermination of such diseases in animals, thus minimizing the danger to man. The work of the students in this Faculty during the present session, 1895-96, has been uniformly satisfactory. Several have been engaged in original research work in the Pathological Laboratory, assisted by and under the direction of the Pathologists of the Medical College.

It is to be hoped that ere another session comes round something will be done towards placing the Faculty in a state of efficiency commensurate to its importance to the country.

## WANTS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Detailed reference was made in last year's report to our most pressing wants. Though various in character, there is none that could not be supplied by an increase in the funds at the disposal of the Board of Governors. Like most universities, McGill suffers from the fact that, even when new endowments are gifted for the purpose of opening up new branches of work, they generally involve additional expenditure which cannot be met out of ordinary resources. The prime need of the University is, therefore, the want of means to raise income to an equality with expenditure.

If it is impossible to expect additions on a large scale to the General Fund of the University, the want