Not so Middlesborough, which demands "What price Superintendents?" Has it then been impossible for the Middlesborough New Asylum Committee to ascertain the average payment in similar institutions? Or, do they hope to go one better than their neighbours in the pursuit of cheese-paring? Middlesborough has settled the vexed question. There is no such entity as the courage of one's opinions.

## AFTER-CARE ASSOCIATION.

The Council of the After-Care Association for poor persons discharged recovered from asylums for the insane appeal for funds to carry on their beneficent work. The Secretary, who will acknowledge subscriptions or donations made to him, is Mr. H. Thornhill Roxley, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster. We think it right to draw attention to this appeal, in the hope that our readers will aid as may be possible; for the action of the Association is not limited to any district and many deserving cases are in urgent need of assistance.

## EPIDEMIC INSANITY.

A series of cases is reported from Skibbereen, Ireland. Two brothers and then three sisters became violently insane, and some of them were eventually sent to the Cork District Asylum. Such cases of *folie à deux* or communicated insanity are of special interest, and we hope to obtain a note upon these patients from Dr. Oscar Woods for the next issue of this Journal.

## TABLE SHOWING PENSIONS GRANTED SINCE APRIL, 1892.

*(In Continuation of Dr. Murray Lindsay's List, Journal of Mental Science Vol. 38, p 252.)*

| No. | Asylum. | Name. | Age on Retirement. | Length of Service. | Total Value of Office. | Pension Granted. | Proportion of Pension to Value of Office. | By whom and when Granted. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | £ | £ | | |
| 39. | Leicester ... | Dr. Higgins | 53 | 18 | 800 | 300 | About one-half | Co. Council, 1895 |
| 40. | Chester ... | Dr. Davidson | 68 | 28 | 1000 | 700 | Two-thirds | „ „ „ |
| 41. | Portsmouth ... | Dr. Bland | 48 | 17½ | 800 | 400 | One-half | Bo. „ 1896 |
| 42. | Hereford ... | Dr. Chapman | 54 | 26 | 900 | 500 | Over one-half | C . „ „ |
| 43. | Suffolk ... | Dr. Eager | 51 | 20¾ | 1000 | 350 | One-third | „ „ 1897 |
| 44. | Derby ... | Dr. Lindsay | 63 | 25 | 1122 | 600 | Over one-half | „ „ „ |

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