

Letters to the Editor.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.
To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—There having been of late some misapprehension with respect to the continuance of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, I have been requested to bring this matter once more before the public. In 1874 a letter from me was published, which was the means of starting an annuity fund for broken-down Trained Nurses, and at that time this was the first effort made to assist a most useful and deserving class of women, some of whom, after a life of risk and self-denial, were allowed to end their days in the workhouse. I thankfully acknowledge the great efforts which have since been made to remedy this deplorable state of things, especially by the creation of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, and the Royal British Nurses' Association. At the same time, I wish to draw the attention of the public to the fact that the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund reaches a class of women who have been precluded by adverse circumstances from insuring their lives in the Royal National Pension Fund, and that it is worthy of a continuance of the support by which twelve annuities have been permanently founded. Most of the original subscribers having passed away, the Committee are very anxious to enlist the sympathy of the charitable in a work which has done, and is doing, great good, and which is founded on such a sound basis that it must in time assume much larger proportions than it has at present. Subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received by Messrs. Coutts and Co., 59, Strand, or the Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. Gofton Salmond, 73, Cheapside, E.C.—I am, Madam, Yours faithfully,

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