

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor,
The Leprosy Review.

May 15th, 1948.

Dear Sir,

The outstanding experience we have in the work of a small (28 beds) Leper Home in the native reserve on the eastern slopes of Mount Kenya, is the close connection between leprosy and tapeworm. I am astonished that this is not found elsewhere, or, at any rate, not commented on.

Over half of the cases of leprosy occurring in this district occur in patients with tapeworm, though tapeworm is not very common otherwise. The main cause of relapse also is tapeworm. In my opinion, in this district, tapeworm infestation predisposes to leprosy very markedly.

Yours faithfully,

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Note.—Readers may be interested in this claim of a connection between leprosy and tapeworm which, as far as we are aware, is original. It would be of interest if readers elsewhere contributed their opinion or experience in this matter.—Ed.