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Dear Thornton,

I am sorry you have been put to trouble about the culture. It's good of you to try and get one and I hope you may succeed, as in spite of this particular bug's bad reputation, it seems worth taking the opportunity of trying its effect on genuinely virgin soil.

I am sending, herewith, a copy, which I am also sending to Gates, of Huxley's draft paragraphs on social insurance. I rather expected Mrs. Hubback would dispute his <sup>facts</sup> and sent her a copy a week ago, but have had no reply. Apart from probable over-simplification of the facts about social insurance schemes abroad and in this country, I think he puts the point well, but I should like it to have been seen and approved by both Gates and yourself, before it is presented to the committee. You might let me know at the same time what ~~days~~ from April 30th to May 4th would suit you for a committee meeting at 2.30. If you could, come in advance to lunch, as you know I should be all the better pleased.

I am enclosing, also, a short paragraph, which I have drafted at the suggestion of the committee, on the Wesleyan ministers and the E.S.D.

Yours sincerely,