

30th. December, 1942.

Dear Lowndes,

I was very glad to get your letter and to hear you are at Plymouth again, I suppose between bouts of teaching at Dorchester. I am sure you will be much more comfortable now you have a housekeeper.

My own impression is that Huxley tries to make what he writes too comprehensive, i.e. to put in too many topics without always getting them clear.

In discussing adaption I believe it might be worth while to list about five carefully drafted definitions which the word might have so that each might be chosen in turn to use in discussion without slipping off inadvertently from one to another. In my sense of the word Huxley surely does not overstress adaptation, on the contrary he is far too willing to speak of a difference as non-adaptive on the basis of absolutely no more evidence than that no one has so far investigated its effects as to know what they are.

Yes, do send a rock lobster if you can, to Mrs. Cashen,  
38 Cowper Road, Harpenden.

Yours sincerely,