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CENTENNIAL OF THE LAND GRANT

One hundred years ago, the United States Congress passed the Land-Grant Act, giving birth to a vast system of colleges and universities that would be "open and accessible to the poorest boy /or girl/ in the land." Shown in these pictures is Cornell University, one of the sixty-eight land-grant institutions that have contributed much to education, not only in the United States but also in many other countries.

2-19 (To be used with 3-19) From their beginnings, the land grant colleges have advanced man's mastery of his environment through science. Charged with educating future farmers, early land-grant professors found they first had to write the textbooks of scientific agriculture. They also pioneered in the use of the laboratory as a classroom. Always distinguished for applied research, land-grant schools are now emphasizing fundamental studies. Here, pursuing research in agronomy, a hybridist cross-breeds plants in the Cornell greenhouse-laboratories. (62-3029) (135422)

