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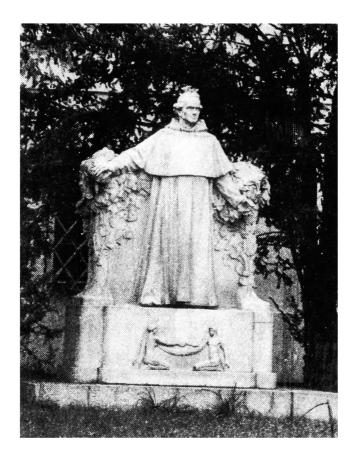
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On this 40th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Gregorio Mendel Institute, it is a pleasure for me to reproduce the recently restored statue of Mendel which stands in the gardens of the Augustinian convent in Brno, where he carried out his work on the "pisum sativum". Over the years, and more particularly as a result of the tragic events that befell the city, and indeed the convent itself, during World War II, the statue was left in a state of abandonment and decay. Last year, for the first time since its erection in 1912, the statue was cleaned and restored and so this, of course, adds a special 'something' to our anniversary celebrations and tribute to this exceptional luminary and man of prayer.