

HERMAN IRVING SCHLESINGER: THE MAN, HIS CHEMISTRY AND HIS  
IMPACT UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AT CHICAGO.

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Herman Irving Schlesinger, at the age of eighteen, entered the University of Chicago as a Freshman in 1900. In 1905 he was awarded the PhD in Chemistry under Professor Stieglitz. Two years of post-doctoral work: one year of physical chemistry with Nernst (Berlin), a semester of organic with Thiele (Strassburg) and a semester of physiological chemistry with Abel (Johns Hopkins), intervened before his return to Chicago in 1907 as Associate in chemistry. His teaching and research from then until his death were in the field of inorganic chemistry. Academic progress led to the rank of Instructor (1910), Assistant Professor (1911), Associate Professor (1917) and Professor (1922). From 1922-1946 he served as an administrator for the department. In 1949 he attained the highest rank at the University of Chicago, Professor Emeritus. From then until his death October, 1960, he devoted his full time to research and the training of his graduate students. During his academic lifetime he trained over fifty scientists.

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