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In reviewing the scientific work of Professor Rowland one is most impressed by its originality. In quantity, as measured by printed page or catalogue of titles, it has been exceeded by many of his contemporaries; in quality it is equaled by that of only a very, very small group. The entire collection of his important papers does not exceed thirty or forty in number and his unimportant papers were few. When, at the unprecedentedly early age of thirty-three years, he was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, the list of his published contributions to science did not contain over a dozen titles, but any one of not less than a half dozen of these, including what may properly be called his very first original investigation, was of such quality as to fully entitle him to the distinction then conferred.

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