

## **Dr. Thomas Glendenning Hamilton (TGH) Psychical Research Lectures, 1926-1934 – compiled by Anton Wagner**

This compilation is based upon annotations about Dr. T.G. Hamilton's speaking engagements by his wife Lillian Hamilton, sometimes made in the margins of, or on the back of, correspondence, and her "Chronological outline of T. Glen Hamilton's interest in psychic phenomena, and dates of his public appearances as lecturer" (University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections, MSS 14, box 1, folder 10).

Thanks to historian Anton Wagner the lectures noted by Lillian Hamilton have been confirmed, more precisely dated, and augmented by newspaper research, primarily through Newspapers.com. Whereas Margaret Hamilton Bach estimated that her father had lectured publicly 86 times between 1926 and 1934, we now know that during those years he addressed audiences, large and small, over 100 times, in Canada, the United States, and England. Except where otherwise indicated, the lectures were in communities within Manitoba.

Audiences ranged from church groups and other small community organizations to the British Medical Association convention at Winnipeg's Fort Garry Hotel and an American Society for Psychical Research (ASPR) meeting at New York's Carnegie Hall. The broad interest in Dr. Hamilton's psychical research experiments is demonstrated by the reported audience of 900 who attended his illustrated lecture "The Scientific Evidence for Survival after Death" at Winnipeg's Westminster United Church on April 24, 1933.

Quoted commentary about TGH's lectures not attributed to a newspaper article are typically by Lillian Hamilton.

### **1926**

- Spring of 1926: TGH's first paper. Address on telekinesis and "psychic force," illustrated with slides. Winnipeg Medical Society. 125 doctors present.
- May 21, 1926: Winnipeg Art Club at the invitation of Walter J. Phillips, R.C.A.
- September 1926: Brandon Medical Society.

### **1927**

- April 11, 1927: "Experiments and Experiences of Psychic Research." University Women's Club at Fort Garry Hotel. Over 500 present. See "University Women's Club," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, April 12, 1927, 9 and *Winnipeg Free Press*, April 12, 1927, 11.
- October 1927: Brandon Medical and District.

## 1928

- January 11, 1928: Winnipeg Medical Society.
- February 22, 1928: "Some Aspects of Psychic Research." Women's Club, Royal Alexander Hotel.
- March 1928: Winnipeg Theosophical Society.
- May 1928: Young People's Club, King Memorial Church. Historical survey. "Slides of Eva C. and Margery."
- October 1928: Scottish Masons. "Stead's likeness shown for first time."
- November 6, 1928: Manitoba Medical Student. "'Materialisations' including those few already obtained with Mary M. and group—amorphous, bell-ringing cords; Spurgeon first time."
- November 7, 1928: Winnipeg Women's Club. "Historical survey. Levitation slides. Materialisations as found in Europe and a few here."
- November 8, 1928: Gyro Club, Royal Alexandra Hotel. See "Psychic Research is Gyro Club Address," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, November 8, 1928, 2.
- November 17, 1928: Griffons' Club. "Well received. Answers questions for two hours."
- December 3, 1928: Brandon & District Medical Association, Assembly Hall, Brandon Hospital. Large audience. "'Ectoplasm' results of European investigators plus slides of Spurgeon likeness."

## 1929

- January 7, 1929: King Memorial Church. "Materializations, Eva C., Poole, Marshall. Well reported in *Elmwood Herald*."
- January 14, 1929: University Women's Club, Fort Garry Hotel. "More than 200 present. Lillian Hamilton, Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Cooper and Mr. & Mrs. H.A.V. Green honoured guests." See "Psychic Research Does Not Conflict with Christianity—Claim of Dr. Hamilton: Says He Has Communicated with Spirits," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, January 15, 1929, 4.
- February 11, 1929: Scientific Living Club, Y.M.C.A.
- February 12, 1929: Rev. Katsumoff's Ukrainian Young People's Club.
- February 26, 1929: Women's Canadian Club, Royal Alexandra Hotel Banquet Hall. See "Club Hears of Phenomena in Spirit World: Dr. Glen Hamilton Lectures Before Large Audience on Psychic Research," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, February 27, 1929, 7 and "Dr. Hamilton Lectures on Psychic Research: Gives Address to More Than 700 Members of Women's Canadian Club," *Winnipeg Free Press*, February 27, 1929, 6.

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- March 19, 1929: Luncheon meeting, Masonic Lodge.
- March 19, 1929: Evening meeting, Young Peoples' Club of St. Andrew's Church.
- April 1929: St. Boniface Kiwanis Club. "Shows teleplasm with M. Marshall."
- May 16, 1929: Griffins' Club of Winnipeg. "Shows slides. Discusses openly the strength of the evidence for the reality of an unseen world of human intelligence."
- May 26, 1929: Theosophical Society. "Discusses his own results to this date including trance evidence (through Poole) for the survival of the mind of R.L.S. [Robert Louis Stevenson]."
- June 1929: Theological Students' Dinner at Wesley College, University of Winnipeg. "25 present."
- August 2, 1929: "Good exhibition of supernormal psychic light."
- November 4, 1929: Theological Society, Sparling Hall. Brief mention in "United College News," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, November 9, 1929, 15.
- November 22, 1929: "Speaks at Montreal before audience of doctors & nurses. Meeting arranged by G. [George] T. Bell. Discusses and shows slides of his own researches."
- November 25, 1929: New York Section of the American Society for Psychical Research at Hyslop House, headquarters of the ASPR. "350 members present including J. Malcolm Bird, then editor of the ASPR *Journal*, Bligh Bond, and John O'Neill, science editor of the *Brooklyn Eagle*. Slides of the M. Marshall teleplasms up to & including Raymond Lodge." See John O'Neill, "Secret of Ectoplasm Caught by Cameras," *Brooklyn Eagle*, November 26, 1929, 1, 7. According to Lillian Hamilton, "Report next day in the Brooklyn Eagle was picked up by the Wire service and reported across Canada in all Canadian dailies." Have only been able to find "Winnipeg Doctor Reveals 'Spirit' Photos in New York: Psychic Research Society Sees Ectoplasm Pictures by Dr. T.G. Hamilton," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, November 27, 1929, 1, 12. "The ectoplasm medium he would not identify further than by the name 'May L.,' [sic] a woman whom he described as 'well advanced in years.'"
- December 4, 1929: Nurses Alumnae Association at Manitoba Medical College, Winnipeg. "Around 250 present."
- December 10, 1929: Portage La Prairie Kiwanis Club in the Municipal Hall.

## 1930

- January 1930: Graduate Nurses Association, Winnipeg, and five presentations to the YMCA Breakfast Club January 5, 12, 19, 26 and 30. See "Dr. T. Glen Hamilton to Address 'Y' Residents," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, January 25, 1930, 4.
- January 28, 1930: Stonewall Church.
- January 30, 1930: University of Manitoba Science Student Club, University building. "250 present. Deep interest. All slides shown except 'Gladstone,' RLS and Talking Machine. See "Says Psychic Research Becoming Widespread," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, January 31, 1930, 3. "The danger in pioneer work in this subject is that you endanger your character and win the reputation of being an association of the devil."
- February 2, 1930: Meeting at Y.M.C.A
- February 3, 1930: Father and Son Banquet, Cankeena Club, Marlborough Hotel. "Large attendance."
- February 4, 1930: Masons' Club of East Kildonan.
- February 26, 1930: Manitoba Medical College Students. "Large attendance."
- March 3, 1930: Toch H Club. "A few ministers present!! No comment from any of them!"
- April 1, 1930: King Memorial Church Young Peoples' Club. "Lucy shown for first time."
- April 2, 1930: Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Fort Garry Hotel. "All main masses shown including Lucy." See "Results of Psychical Research Are Outlined," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, April 2, 1930, 3 and "Progress in Metaphysics Told at Rotarian Luncheon," *Winnipeg Free Press*, April 3, 1930, 3.
- No date: Knox Church Young Peoples' Club; "Over 500 present. An admission fee of 50 cents is charged. This group is the first to do so. A good chance to make money & no expenses. TGH charged nothing. Money is used for church purposes."
- April 28, 1930: 51<sup>st</sup> lecture to Knox Young Women's Club. See "Dr. Glen Hamilton to Address Knox Y.P.," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, April 5, 1930, 47.
- May 1930: "Small club of business men."
- June 24, 1930: Winnipeg Kiwanis Club. "Large attendance."
- August 27, 1930: British Medical Association in the Fort Garry Hotel. Dr. Rennie Swan chairman. "500 present. Shows slides up to Lucy." See "Psychic Expert Shows Pictures of Experiments: Dr. T. Glen Hamilton, Noted Winnipeg Authority, Entertains Large Audience," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, August 28, 1930, 6. "Psychic Expert Shows Photos in Teleplasm: Beautiful Face Revealed on Form

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Near Medium," *Winnipeg Free Press Prairie Farmer*, September 3, 1930, 29.  
"Pictures of Teleplasm Shown to Delegates: Reveal in Many Cases Remarkable Likenesses of Human Faces," *Winnipeg Free Press*, August 28, 1930, 4.

- November 7, 1930: Joint Canadian clubs, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Graduate Nurses Association, Prince Edward Hotel, Brandon. "Usual address & slides." See "Dr. T. Glen Hamilton Speaks at Brandon: Illustrated Lecture on Spiritualism Is Delivered Before Local Clubs," *Winnipeg Free Press*, November 8, 1930, 3.
- November 14, 1930: Caledonian Society of Winnipeg at Fort Garry Hotel. "Katie King shown for first time."
- November 21, 1930: Transcona Masons.
- December 1, 1930: NY Section of the ASPR at the Home-Making Centre, Grand Central Palace. "350 present."
- December 3, 1930: Dartmouth College. "550 present."
- December 5, 1930: Columbia University Teachers College. "75 present."
- December 7, 1930: Lecture at Paul B Hoover College, Flushing, N.J. "Private meeting with 35 present."
- December 9, 1930: Young Men's Club, Fort Wayne. "30 present."
- December 9, 1930: "Evening dinner with 24 scientific and professional men."

## 1931

- January 27, 1931: Winnipeg Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club.
- January 28, 1931: United Church, Stonewall, Manitoba.
- February 4, 1931: Professional & Business Women's Club of Winnipeg. See "Professional and Business Women Head [sic; should read Heard] Dr. Hamilton on Psychic Phenomena," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, February 6, 1931, 7.
- February 7, 1931: School Masters' Club of Winnipeg.
- February 11, 1931: St. Paul's United Church. "Mary Marshall's husband was custodian of this church. Her son, George Marshall, by then an ordained minister of the United Church, presided at this meeting. Large attendance."
- February 18, 1931: Great West-Life Club.
- March 4, 1931: Canadian Medical Association, Academy of Medicine, Toronto. "Teleplasms and Associated Psychical Phenomena." "Over 200 medical men present."
- March 5, 1931: "Psychical Research." Ministerial Association of Toronto. Board Room, Wesley Building. "100 Ministers present."
- March 19, 1931: "Scientific Facts Disclosed Through Psychical Research." "Montefiore Club (Jewish)." 100 present at Fort Garry Hotel. See "Photos Taken

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of Seances Shown Winnipeg Audience," *Winnipeg Free Press*, March 21, 1931, 21.

- March 23, 1931: Toc H Young Men's Club.
- June 17, 1931: Tribus Club, Y.M.C.A.
- July 22, 1931: Northwestern Manitoba Medical Society, Russell, Manitoba.
- November 3, 1931: National Council of Jewish Women.
- November 29, 1931: Augustine Young Men's Club. See "Augustine Young Men to Hear Dr. Glen Hamilton," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, November 28, 1931, 6.

## 1932

- February 29, 1932: Carnegie Hall, New York Section ASPR. "Over 400 present. Shining garment."
- March 4, 1932: Large Washington, D.C. meeting arranged by Miss Barr.
- March 21, 1932: American Women's Club, Winnipeg.
- May 9, 1932: "Photography as Applied to Psychic Research." Winnipeg Photographers Association, *Free Press* board room. "About 250 persons." See "Explains Part Played by Films in Psychic Tests," *Winnipeg Free Press*, May 10, 1932, 3.
- June 1932: Address to staff nurses, Winnipeg General Hospital.
- July 30, 1932: 100 invited guests at the British College of Psychic Science. The audience includes David Gow, former editor of *Light*, "a very able cultured man," Stanley de Brath, Estelle Stead, Mrs. Hewatt McKenzie, "and other well-known leaders in the spiritualist movement in England. The second Arthur Conan Doyle likeness shown for first time."
- August 1932: British Spiritualist Alliance at Wigmore Hall.
- October 11, 1932: Knox Church Young Men's Club.
- October 28, 1932: "New Discoveries in the Realm of Psychical Research in Europe and America." Winnipeg Society for Psychical Research, Marlborough Hotel. Nearly 800 persons. See "Discoveries in Psychic Realm Are Outlined: Dr. T. Glen Hamilton Says Phenomena Unbelievable But True," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, October 29, 1932, 2. "Was man justified, the speaker asked, in believing that a human being consisted of two living parts—a physical body and an inner, unseen personality, a 'soul,' or spiritual entity?...Today serious-minded research into these phenomena was trying to establish the laws governing psychic phenomena...with the aid of scientific methods and appliances, they had a reasonable hope that they could ultimately fix these laws and prove the existence of an after-life by establishing contacts with the next world. 'And that,' said the speaker, "is Christian doctrine, scientifically supported."

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See also "Exhibits 'Spirit World' Photos of Doyle, Spurgeon: Dr. T. Glen Hamilton Screens Remarkable Pictures—Tells of 'Conversation,'" *Winnipeg Free Press*, October 29, 1932, 25.

- November 22, 1932: Ladies Aid of St. Giles' Church. See "Clubdom," *Winnipeg Free Press*, November 19, 1932, 13. "The latest photographs of spiritual messages which Dr. Hamilton obtained recently in London, Eng. Will be shown."
- November 29, 1932: Theological Society of United College.
- December 18, 1932: YMHA [Young Men's Hebrew Association]

### 1933

- January 18, 1933: Gordon United Church.
- February 3, 1933: Eastern Star Lodge.
- February 9, 1933: Woodhaven School, Sturgeon Creek.
- February 16, 1933: Illustrated lecture, "Psychical Research—a Belated Branch of Science," Winnipeg branch, Engineering Institute of Canada, Engineering Building, University of Manitoba. See "G.H. Harriott Heads Engineering Institute," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, February 17, 1933, 18.
- February 28, 1933: Knights of Pythias, St. Vital.
- March 23, 1933: Rose Croix Chapter of Scottish Rite Freemasons.
- April 7, 1933: Winnipeg chapter of the Order of De Moley, Masonic Temple. See "De Moley Speaker," *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, April 6, 1933, 7.
- April 21, 1933: Several clubs in Brandon.
- April 24, 1933: Illustrated lecture "The Scientific Evidence for Survival after Death;" Westminster United Church. Audience of 900. "Admission 50 cents to make money to furnish Club Rooms! Poor mediums work for nothing!" "Lecture heavily advertised--press and radio." See display ad *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, April 22, 1933, 10 and *Winnipeg Free Press*, April 22, 1933, 14. "Also an interrogation of the lecturer by Rev. J.S. Bonnell, B.A., B.D. Mr. Bonnell will ask Dr. Hamilton a number of questions regarding the relations between psychic science and the Christian belief in immortality." See also "Novel Feature at Hamilton Lecture on Spiritualism," *Winnipeg Free Press*, April 25, 1933, 3. "From cover to cover, the bible held to the theory of survival. The lecturer, in reply to another question, said he did not regard Spiritualism as a religion; in fact, a large percentage of Spiritualists were not professors of the Christian faith. Spiritualism was a science looking for cause and effect."
- May? 1933: St. Giles' Church under auspices of Ladies Aid. "500 present. Admission charged & over \$60 received." "The minister told TGH they were

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pleased they had made some extra money for the Ladies Aid Society. As usual, TGH charged nothing.”

- December 3, 1933: Augustine Church Couples Club.

## 1934

- February 6, 1934: Illustrated lecture “Some Scientific Disclosures Concerning Life.” Joint meeting, Red River and Manitoba Masonic lodges, A.O.U.W. hall, McIntyre building.
- February 23, 1934: Stella Avenue Mission.
- March 12, 1934: “Supernatural Faculties; Their Cultivation and Hazards.” Wayfarers’ Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Lodge Room, Kresge Building.
- March 16, 1934: University of Manitoba Science Club. “Around 100 present—interest keen.”
- March 22, 1934: University Psychological Club.
- March 25?, 1934: University Robertson House.
- October 30, 1934. Illustrated lecture “Aims and Methods of Psychical Research,” Dominion Theatre. See “Dr. T. Glen Hamilton Will Talk on Psychic Research,” *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*, October 27, 1934, 15. “Dr. Hamilton is world-famed for his contributions to psychical research and it is a point of pride that he is a citizen of Winnipeg.” Accompanied by display ad. “Prices 50c and 25c. In aid of the Kindergarten Settlement Auxiliary.” Lillian Hamilton annotated: “First week of November 1934: Playhouse Theatre. Last lecture to large audience—500 or 600—under auspices of some charitable institution. Dr. Charles Hunter present; said it was his best presentation he had yet given. Intellectually & scientifically satisfying.” “For TGH, now, survival was an assured fact.”
- December 3, 1934: “Psychic Phenomena in Relation to Nature and Life.” Winnipeg Dental Nurses and Assistants’ Association, Princess Tea Room.