

The Reverend Haskett Smith



*The Athenaeum Hall, Melbourne [advertising a lecture by Rev. Haskett Smith]
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In the 1895 photograph of the building, the advertising banner on the front announces a series of lectures to be given by the Rev. Haskett Smith. According to information provided by Haskett Smith's great grandson, he was a missionary in the Middle East for many years and following his retirement travelled the world to tell of his experiences, describing the land, its architecture, history and people. His lectures were illustrated with slides of his own photographs.

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Haskett Smith brought his lecture season, which extended over a fortnight, to a successful close last evening. In the afternoon a crowded audience, which included a large proportion of young people, assembled to hear his lecture on 'The City of the Great King', and the hall was again well filled in the evening, when Mr. Smith lectured on 'The Land of the Pharaohs'. The whole series have been most instructive and enjoyable.

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The lectures of Haskett Smith were very popular and his lecture season was extended to August.

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The Rev. Haskett Smith brought a successful lecture season to a close last night. He delivered the nineteenth lecture in the afternoon and twentieth in the evening [at the Athenaeum Hall]. On each occasion the hall was crowded. Mr Smith preached at St Paul's Cathedral this afternoon. The announcement that he would preach caused the building to be crowded to excess.

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