

DROFESSOR E. M. BLAIKLOCK whose new series of talks. The World of the Early Church, will start from 1YC at 8.35 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. In these talks Professor Blaiklock gives a picture of the world of the first three centuries as the Christians saw it, with its problems, its opportunities, its hostilities and the ferment of its thought. Professor Blaiklock says: want to show something of the significance of Christianity in the first centuries of our era as an historical phenomenon . . . to give you some idea of the strength of the Church, its spread in society, and the measure of its influence. I shall try to throw some light on the great controversies of the first and second centuries, and I shall seek to trace the history of the clash with the Government of the Empire which led to the persecutions." Professor Blaiklock's earlier series, "The World to Which | Christ Came," has already been heard from several stations,

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—J.C.R.

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