

## A Preacher's Classic

When I preach there are some who say they could listen to me all day. Others think I preach too long, and some that I go about it all wrong. Some say my sermon is much too deep--to others it's so shallow they go to sleep. Some report that I hold them spellbound, while others squirm and look around. Some believe I have no light, and others think I preach just right. Some affirm that I'm too bold, while others like to say that I'm cold. Some used to say I was much too young, but others declare my spring has sprung! Some folks tell I have met success. Others think that my work's a mess. Some have said my pay is too low, when they discover the pace I go. Still others say it's above the peak--"Why, he only works three hours a week!" From all of this 'tis plain to see, that as a preacher, I'm up a tree. Condemned if I do. Condemned if I don't. Criticized if I will. Criticized if I won't. I can't please men of such discord, so I'll just keep trying to please the Lord.