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BE SOMETHING

Be something in this living age,
And prove your right to be
A light upon some darkened page,
A pilot on some sea.

Find out the place where you may
stay,
Beneath some burden bow;
Take up the task with willing hand,
Be something, somewhere, now.

Be something in this throbbing day
Of busy hands and feet,
A spring beside some dusty way,
A shadow from the heat.

Be found upon the workman's roll;
Go now, go reap, or plow;
Bend to some task with heart and
soul,
Be something, somewhere, now.

Be something in this golden hour
With action running o'er;
Add some momentum to its power,
A voice unheard before.

Be not a king without a throne,
Or crown to deck the brow,
Serve with the throne, or serve alone,
Be something, somewhere, now.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By J. L. Byer.

The Swarming Problem.

Given a perfect system of controlling the swarming impulse, and at the same time eliminating the vast amount of hard work connected with all known imperfect systems, no doubt all will admit that then has been solved the greatest problem confronting bee-keepers in the running of out-apiaries. Mr. Davenport, in "American Bee Journal," claims to have discovered just such a system of management. Among the good features of his system, let me cite a few: After treating hundreds of colonies not one has offered to swarm. Each colony has worked with the same vigor as a newly-hived swarm. There is no shaking of combs and no looking for queens. The operation does not take two minutes' work at the time, and about the same amount of time suffices for the second and final act any time inside of ten days. The treatment is so simple that Mr. Davenport says he could hardly think it possible such good results would follow, and was not thoroughly convinced until after having tried it on hundreds of colonies. It sounds too good to be