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not its equal in the world. The company has offices, agencies, storehouses all over America, and in not a few places outside. It manufactures and ships more lager than any brewery in Christendom. Among the great mill and factory buildings on the west bank of the river, half way up the heights, is another big brewery; and over on the east side of the river, is another huge stack of buildings and chimneys covering two blocks at least, one of the oldest and one of the best breweries in America. Far out over the intervening mazes of streets, the ground dips into the broad valley of the Menomonee, and there, four miles away on its southern bank, is still another cluster; while out to the west, beyond the rise where stands that immense smoke-stack, there can be seen almost at the western horizon the belching chimneys of still another brewery half way down the hillside to the winding Menomonee shore. When contributions are needed for any object under the sun in the city of Milwaukee, the brewers are first applied to. It is a fact, too, that the public records of the cities of the United States bear me out in saying that in proportion to population there is much less drunkenness, much less crime, here than in any of the great communities."

The Preachers' Assistant. Reading, Pa. December, 1891; January, February, March, 1892. Each number contains a sermon, accompanied by a likeness of the preacher, with a sketch of his career. The other divisions are Bible Study and Christian Work; Current Thought in Theology and Religion, and Editorial. In the December number the novel theory is advanced that the "Star in the East" which directed the wise men to Bethlehem was identical with the "Schekina." The writer claims to have received a special revelation upon this subject.

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