

In this sympathetic study the author clearly feels that Insull's adopted state and nation did not fully appreciate his half century of effort to make electric power both cheap and widely available. After reading this excellent biography many readers may tend to agree with Forrest McDonald.

Purdue University

John F. Stover

John Francis Snyder: Selected Writings. Edited by Clyde C. Walton. (Springfield: Illinois State Historical Society, 1962. Pp. v, 329. Biographical essay, illustrations, notes, appendix, index. \$15.00.)

John Francis Snyder was born in St. Clair County, Illinois, in March, 1830. He died in Virginia, Illinois, in April, 1921. He was by profession a physician and lawyer and by avocation an antiquary, historian, and archaeologist. For the last fifty-seven years of his life he resided at Virginia where he engaged in the practice of medicine, wrote Illinois history, explored Indian mounds, collected natural history specimens, opened a country museum, and promoted the foundation of the Illinois State Historical Society. This volume, made possible by a gift of funds from his daughter to the society, is to commemorate the long and unusually productive career of Dr. Snyder.

The book contains a preface by Clyde C. Walton, a biographical sketch by Phyllis E. Connolly, an appraisal of Snyder as an archaeologist by Melvin L. Fowler, and reprints of some of Snyder's historical and archaeological writing. An appendix contains a bibliography of Snyder's general and archaeological works. The articles reprinted are from the *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society*, *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, and *The Archaeologist*.

This is a handsome volume, designed, printed, and bound by R. R. Donnelley & Sons. Its tasteful design and faultless craftsmanship would have been agreeable to Dr. Snyder. He was a man not often pleased with the work of others!

Indiana University

Cecil K. Byrd

Our Amish Neighbors. By William I. Schreiber. Drawings by Sybil Gould. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1962. Pp. xii, 227. Illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. \$5.95.)

This is a delightful book by a professor who has spent decades in the study of the Amish. When Ohio was created as a state in 1803 there was not a single white man in what is now Wayne County. But as early as 1807 Jakob (Jockle) Miller, an Amishman from Somerset County, Pennsylvania, settled in Wayne County only to be followed by others. Today there are over 5,000 baptized Amish members in the four counties of Wayne, Holmes, Tuscarawas, and Coschocton. Schreiber has made a thorough investigation of this sect particularly in Wayne and Holmes counties and has also read widely as his excellent bibliography indicates.