

NOTES ON ROMAN DEVON.

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THE writer corrected an erroneous ascription in his Presidential Address upon Roman Devon. The funereal slab in Musgrave's Alley, there described and figured, was not, it had transpired, found in Exeter, but at Tarragona, in Spain. He also reported the occurrence of a large brass of Nero, at Newton Ferrers; and the discovery, by Mr. F. Haverfield, Christ Church, Oxford, that a tile in the Taunton Museum, from Hannaditches, bore the inscription "leg ii aug," which that gentleman held to prove that there must have been a military occupation at Seaton by the troops who baked it. Mr. Worth regarded the fact as very curious, in its bearing on the statement of Ptolemy touching the presence of the Second Augustan Legion at or near Exeter, but could not see it proved that Hannaditches—at any rate structurally—was, as he had already stated, "much if at all beyond a farm place." Men of the Second Legion might have been stationed there, and have made the tile, but there was no evidence even then of Hannaditches being more than an outpost. Mr. Haverfield had likewise been fortunate enough to find stamped on one of the ancient blocks of Cornish tin a head and lettering, presumably of fourth-century date. This discovery, too, was most interesting; but Mr. Worth regretted his inability to see that it really carried them any further in the direction of Roman authority in the sister county than he had already indicated—"friendly intercourse for the purpose of trade rather than conquest or dominion."

ON THE CAUSES AFFECTING THE ORIGIN OF PLYMOUTH.

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