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Back Cover: A nineteenth-century engraving of the Old Town Conduit, built in Plymouth in 1598, from which was distributed clean, fresh and unlimited water from Drake's Leat.



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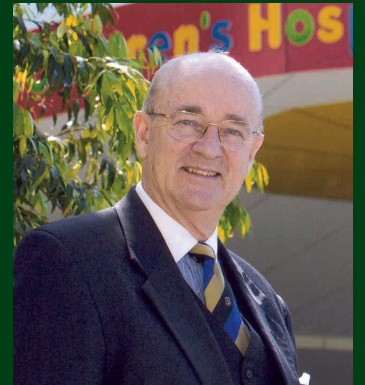
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Front Cover: A surviving channel of Drake's Leat, downstream from Burrator Reservoir, Dartmoor, Devon, U.K. Built in 1591, this channel was the first in modern times to supply a city with unlimited, fresh, clean and safe water.