

(3) Minutes of vestries, all former vestry books, accounts and vouchers of overseers, surveyors of highways and other parish officers, all these by the Vestries Act, 1818, were to be kept by the person appointed by the vestry, and should under the Local Government Act, 1894, have been deposited with the clerk or chairman of the Parish Council. It is the duty of the County Council to enquire into the manner in which the documents under the control of the Parish Council are kept.

(4) "Some parishes possess very ancient conveyances of land and wills relating to benefactions to the Church, to the chantries therein and to local charities."

(5) One copy of every confirmed instrument of apportionment duly sealed, should under the Tithe Act of 1836 have been deposited with the incumbent or church or chapel wardens of the parish, and in some instances, such place of deposit having been found unsafe or inconvenient to the majority of the persons interested therein, by order of the Court of Quarter Sessions some more convenient or secure place of deposit may have been selected.

*N.B.—A copy of the apportionment, found or known to be in improper custody may be impounded by order of two Justices.*

(6) Two copies of every confirmed enclosure award duly sealed are to be deposited, one with the Clerk of the Peace for the County, the other with the church or chapel wardens of the parish.

Such are the Parochial Records to be found in our villages. They are to be supplemented by certain Episcopal or Diocesan Records which are to be found in the corresponding Episcopal or Diocesan Registries, and which will be described subsequently.

GOOSEY MONASTIC CHEESE FARM.—There was a cell to Abingdon Abbey at Goosey, near Wantage, where the monks had a cheese farm. Part of the building appears to have been incorporated in an ancient farmhouse there, still known as the Abbey Farm, one of the ground-floor rooms having an outer wall of great thickness, in which are two windows, and a door opening into a garden where is an old fish-pond. In a wing of the building there is a bedroom lined with fine panelling, with a large landscape painting over the fireplace. There is said to be a subterranean passage from this house to the church, a small ancient building, and the belief seems to be borne out by the fact that in a house which stands close to the church-yard, between it and the Abbey Farm, the singing in the church is more distinctly heard in the ground-floor room which faces toward the farm than in the room on the church side. All knowledge of its entrance and exit is however lost. There is a corpse-path across the village green and the meadows to Stanford-in-the-Vale, to which Goosey is a chapelry, but the ancient stones on the green have lately been pulled up and a new path made.—Mrs. STEVENSON, Oldfield Balking.