

estate was sold in 1892. He is succeeded by his son, Mr. Patrick Healy, the present owner, who was born there.

The diary of Anne Flood (nee Donovan) makes most interesting reading and is still in the possession of Miss Bridie Healy of Paulstown Castle.

Henry Flood, the famous orator and Statesman, who lived at Farmley and Flood Hall, was closely related to the Floods of Paulstown.

THE HEBURN STREAM

THE following are extracts from a Paper entitled "The Approaches to Kilkenny," read by Mr. Patrick Watters, M.A., to a meeting of the old R.S.A.I. in 1872, and published in abridged form in the *Old Kilkenny Review*, 1953:—

Quoting from Grand Jury Presentments at Assizes in Kilkenny, referring to the "Old Colliery Road" leading to Castlecomer, he gives—"We find the old Pavement on the High Street leading from the Coal Pitts to this City in the parish of St. John beginning at the Liberty Post, and so forward to Shrahan Sanny to be much out of reparaire and impassable for Carryers and Travellers," etc.

In defining the location of Shrahan Sanny he quotes from an Assizes record of 1869 as follows:—"A Presentment made at the Assizes held 13th March, 1769, for repairing part of the Road from the City of Castlecomer, between the Glinn on the lands of Glanndine and the Brook called Shroughan Sunny on the lands of Ratestown Stopford," etc.

The brook in question is that known nowadays as the Heburn or Aughmalog stream rising in Tullabrin and flowing into the Nore north of Mr. Brett's saw-mill at Purcell's Inch. The correct name known to the older generation was An Soinín Dian, that is, the swift, thrusting little stream: the Shrahan (Shroughan) in Irish being sruthán, the general term denominating any stream. Recently I asked young Mr. Brett if this was known by any name other than the Heburn stream and, without any prompting, he said it was called the Silvery Deen, thus applying the poetic name given to the Deen river flowing from the Castlecomer Plateau.

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