

## Kilkenny and Kildare

On the first Sunday of the month over fifty members of Kilkenny Archaeological Society made a full day excursion to the Naas area, where they were received and guided by members of County Kildare Archaeological Society.

After a visit to Jigginstown, the Long Stones at Punchestown and at Furness were seen, and then the party was entertained at Furness by Major P. N. N. Synott, vice president of the Kildare Society.

Bishopscourt House was the first stop after lunch, and there Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillycuddy showed the visitors over their home, while Mr. Martin Kelly spoke on the history of the district.

After viewing the exhibition in the Grand Canal Hotel at Robertstown, tea was enjoyed there, and then the group moved to Ballyteigue Castle to visit the Hendy Museum, and to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hendy.

A visit to the Kilkenny Society's territory was made on the following Sunday by seventy members and friends of the Kildare Society.

Kells, Kilree, Jerpoint and the Rothe House were visited, and the evening meal was enjoyed in the rehabilitated Kytler Inn. On that day Mrs. Margaret Phelan, Mrs. Lanigan and Miss Hegarty of the Kilkenny Society guided their visitors over their interesting sites and they also supplied refreshments in the cloisters at Jerpoint.

Accompanying the Kildare Society, as guests, were twenty-five of the students who are working on the cleaning up of Jigginstown. These young men and women, who come from Spain, Germany, France, United States, Britain, Holland, Sweden, Denmark and Czechslovakia, are accommodated at the Vocation School in Naas and already the townspeople and the cultural societies of the district have shown them considerable kindness.