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KENT INCOMPARABLE

KENT is like a mistress: infinitely lovely and variable, surly and delicious, warm and treacherous, infuriating and unforgettable: a county that withholds, through its people, the real marrow under-the-bone friendship that you find in the cooler wifely bosom of Midland clay. And having said this let me add at once, after the manner of that poet who could not make up his mind about t'other dear charmer, that there is no other county where I would rather live, no other county where I think I ever shall live, and that I am prepared to defend its beauties . . . with my dying breath.

H. E. BATES.

EVERYTHING that has happened to the English people, has happened to the people of Kent first. . . . Kentish folk have been the watchers at the doot.

RICHARD CHURCH.