

CHORISTERS' LONG RECORD.

APRIL 1916

Mr. Harry George Rummery, the genial landlord of the New Inn, Tenterden, has a record as a chorister which is probably unique in the district. As a boy of nine years of age he joined the choir of All Saints' church, Hawkhurst, in 1862. He remained there for 14 years, and at Advent, 1876, joined the St. Mildred's church choir, Tenterden, of which he is still a member. He has now served altogether a period of upwards of 54 years, and sung in the presence of six Archbishops—Sumner, Longley, Tait, Benson, Temple and Davidson; under four vicars, Rev. Canon H. A. Jeffery (Hawkhurst) and Revs. H. R. Mereweather, S. C. Lepard and J. A. Babington (Tenterden), and four organists (one of whom was blind (Mr. A. Adams), who was his first



Mr. H. G. Rummery.

instructor and who is still organist of Hawkhurst. Up to Advent, 1915, Mr. Rummery had attended 2,808 weekly practices and 5,928 services, irrespective of extra practices and services. With four or five exceptions only he has since that date attended one weekly practice and two Sunday services a week in addition to the above figures. He is also a change-ringer and has taken part in ringing two peals of 5,040 changes in two different methods (plain bob triples and grandsire triples), which are both recorded on the peal boards in Tenterden church belfry. Amongst his other accomplishments is that of a violinist, an instrument of which he is particularly fond. At the age of 14 Mr. Rummery went to work in the gardens at Fowlers Park, Hawkhurst, and on marrying, some eight years later, went to Tenterden as head gardener to the late Mrs. Croughton, of Heronden, where he remained for just over 22 years, when he left to take the New Inn.

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Lieutenant E. G. Brown, Royal West Kent Regiment, who, as reported last week, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous con-

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Lieutenant E. G. Brown (Tenterden).

duct in the field during the great push on the Somme front, is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, of Maylands, Tenterden. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bridge, of Chestnut-terrace, Tenterden.