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LETTERS OF AN ETON BOY.

FOURTH FORM—FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

I.

Revd. T. F. Elder's

Eton College

Sunday Sept. 24th.

MY DEAR PAPA,

I hope you are all quite well at home. I am quite well. I have taken Upper Middle Fourth which I hope will please you. I got here all safe on Wednesday night, and did not lose any of my luggage. The other fellows with me in the carriage were I think all new fellows too but we did not talk at all on the way down. I like Eton awfully. I have got a jolly room but it is not very large. Mrs.

Cottern who was boy's maid when you were here says that it is the one that you once had. My tutor sent for me the first night and said he was very pleased to have the son of his old pupil. He is awfully nice. He is the oldest master here now except Dashbridge. He is very pleased at the place I have taken. There are twenty fellows in the house and there are four below me though I am the youngest which I am very proud at. None of the other fellows had their fathers here. It will be funny wont it when your and my names are both up on the staircase. There are only two other new fellows besides me. One is named Key and the other is called Skippert. I mess with Key. His father is a clergyman in Buttershire and knows about Uncle Alfred. He has only taken third form. Skippert is cousin of a fellow who was here before named Waters. The other fellows I like best are Rappy Middleham and Vaynor. Our Captain's name is Parsons the next to

him is Bennett and the next Oakton Major who is my fag-master but of course I don't begin fagging till a fortnight as that is my privilege. Thursday was a whole holiday for Saint Matthew but I was in for my examination so it was no good. We began football yesterday. It was very hot. We play quite different rules to what we did at Tadby's but of course I knew a good deal about them from what you had told me. Please may I have an order for a change coat and may I have a cap and two flannel shirts as we have to have them and yesterday I had to wear some of the other fellows things and they are all much bigger than me. We play with Phillip's and Popton's. The Captain of our football is Hyland. He is quite old about nineteen I should think but he is only in Upper Fourth. I havent seen Charlie Shirburn yet but he came here when I was in pupil room yesterday and I am going to breakfast with him and Alfred Rivers on Wednesday. Now I must

stop so I will say Goodbye with best love
to all and

I remain,

Your Affate Son

SAMUEL OLDHAM RIVERS.

II.

Rev. T. F. Elder's

Eton College

Bucks.

Sunday Oct. 22.

MY DEAR SUSAN,

Thank you very much for your letter
which I received quite safe. I hope you are
all quite well at home. I am getting on all
right and enjoying myself awfully. I have
made friends with all the fellows at my tutors
and like them very much except one or two.
I have been fagging a fortnight and three
days and am quite acomplished. I can lay
a table quite well and fry egga. It will be
very useful if I go into the Army. Oakton