

"Swatara".

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Amicus Mio,

There goes

the signal to start  
the engines! — and

now, we are steaming  
along, homeward bound.

It says that we are  
not glad, would of  
course, be absurd;

but there is one thought  
which greatly assists  
me in viewing our  
parting with Fanny  
with equanimity:— or  
perhaps it is not  
so much a thought  
as a feeling— that  
such friendships as  
we formed in Hobart Town  
and for Hobart Town  
are not to be broken  
down in such abrupt  
style, and must live

in spite of the appearance, -

"Where there's life too, there's hope,"

and Hope  you know is  
the symbol of our profession.

Entin! Que voulez-vous? On  
ne peut pas avoir tout à sa  
guise. Some pretend that  
"Thought is spiritual presence,"  
but I can bear witness from an

a acute experience after ten months that  
"spiritual presence" may be sufficient  
for great minds, but for ordinary  
mortals, it is "far, far from gay".

"The language of the heart has no  
speech — its only language is a tear  
or a pressure of the hand, and words  
very feebly convey or interpret its  
emotion; and you must confess  
that one must be a really expert  
linguist to carry on their language  
at a distance of several thousand  
miles.

My present attempt—  
an attempt to write <sup>"the letter"</sup>  
The pressure of the hand—  
is probably the best  
example of the  
impotency of the pen  
in such cases (in  
ordinary hands especially)  
for in reading over  
the first sheet, I find  
it rather difficult  
to follow the train of  
thought, and I have

Centric nous / The smallest  
bit of a suspicion  
that perhaps there  
is not any. - Given Sab!

By the way,

If you

will permit that smallest  
bit of a step from the  
Sublime to the ridiculous

I will ask you a small  
premissing that <sup>the 1849</sup>  
favor Not however the  
traditional Role of woman  
I thought the steward  
paid for the copy of  
the "Favinta" I bought

and find, by a hint from Messrs Walsh & Co  
that he did not. I have therefore  
sent him (Walsh) the required sum  
5 shillings in stamps, and also stamps,  
for an acknowledgment.

Will you kindly stop in and see  
if he has received it safely?

Faites mes amitiés à tout le monde  
chez vous; une bonne poignée de main  
et saluez vite à votre dévoué,  
W. M. Clary & Co