

"Swatara".

Melbourne.

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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 ^{"the letter"}
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 ^{the 1849}
favor not to break 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