

Albury: Surrey.
March 14. 1853.

Friend,

I have copied, pretty accurately, your signature; but neither that, nor your handwriting, nor any other outward sign, informs me of your sex or station: so, I direct to you French-fashion. Your address, too, I gather from the postmark: and I am by no means sure that this reply will reach you. However,

I have thought it right to make
an effort in the dark to thank you
heartily for your affectionate tribute,
and to assure you that I fully
appreciate the kind feeling which
prompts you to address me.

If you think fit to write again, clear
up the mysteries aforesaid: I will reply.
Meanwhile, let me make this due
acknowledgement for your poetry & your
praises.

Truly Yours
Martin F. Tupper.