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TO

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OUR readers will learn with regret that Mr. Haliburton, familiar in the world of literature under the *nom de plume* of Sam Slick, Jun., and son of the eminent wit, Judge Haliburton, who first made that name famous—known also widely and favourably to the electors of this borough, is about to return to Canada, after a stay of five years in London. As a recognition of the valuable services he has rendered to the Colonies and the Empire in helping to defeat the policy of Imperial disintegration which lately threatened us, and which he stoutly resisted, a number of gentlemen entertained him at dinner on Friday evening of last week, at the Westminster Palace Hotel. The committee, in their invitations, referred to the fact that from his father having been during the greater part of his life the foremost advocate of Colonial interests, the name has been associated with our Colonial Empire for more than half a century. The Hon. Evelyn Ashley, M.P.,* occupied the chair, and E. Jenkins, Esq., M.P., the vice-chair. Among those present were—Mr. J. E. Liardet, Mr. Alexander MacArthur, M.P., formerly an Australian M.I.C., Captain Bedford Pim, M.P., Mr. Boord, M.P., Rev. G. L. Badenoch, LL.D., Mr. Geo. Cruikshank (the veteran artist), Mr. Alexander Rivington (the late proprietor of the "St. James' Magazine" which he also named the "United Empire Review"), Mr. F. W. Chesson (Secretary of the

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