

A SENATOR.—It is rumored that Dr. Grant of Ottawa is about to be called to the Senate. We should be glad if this were done. Dr. Grant is a public-spirited member of the profession, and has always taken great interest in all matters connected with public health. As it is certain that sanitary laws will occupy the attention of the Legislature in the immediate future, the presence of such men in both its branches is extremely desirable.

QUACKS IN THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.—A good deal is being said in the American papers of the license allowed quacks of advertising in the professedly religious papers. One would think that the impropriety of such a proceeding would be self-evident, but the editors brazenly defend it. The *New York Medical Record* justly says :—"While these Christian men are supposed to be sowing the good seed, they are being paid by the enemy to allow the sowing of tares also. But, unlike the enemy in the parable who came by night, the quack walks in broad daylight in company with the sower himself, and with his free permission plies his damnable trade."

TENNYSON.—Much indignation has been expressed at the description by the poet Laureate of a physician to the children's hospital in his latest volume of poems. He describes this very objectionable being as possessed of "coarse red hair, big face, big chest, big merciless hand, happier in using the knife than in trying to save the limb." The *British Medical Journal* says :—"Not only does he hold up this type as that of the surgeon in the children's hospital, but he endorses it by adding :

That I can well believe ; for he looked so coarse and so red,

I could think he was one of those who would break their jests on
the dead,

And mangle the living dog that had loved him, and fawned at
his knee,

Drench'd with the hellish oorali—that ever such things should be.

A verse more ungenerously contrived to insult a profession, and to hold up to execration a class who, more than any other, have devoted their lives to the service of humanity, and their labours to its solace, was never written. Medical men will feel bitterly the insult which is offered, and the injustice which has been done ;