

“Break—break, break—
On thy cold gray stones, O Sea!
And I would that my tongue could utter,
The thoughts that arise in me.”

But even if I felt equal to the task of adequately presenting my thoughts, I would not be justified in trespassing upon your patience or in taking up the few remaining moments of the session in an attempt to do so; so, that, it must suffice for me that I speak to you hurriedly and briefly.

Therefore, touching this year's session of the Legislature and this co-ordinate body thereof, over which you have so ably presided, I believe I can safely predict that it will be known in after years as the “Great Working Senate of the Session of 1900.”

The record has been broken in the matter of enrolled chapters, originating in this body, placed before the Governor for his approval, in that 40 per cent. or more thereof have been presented to him for his signature.

And in this connection I cannot say too much in praise of yourself and your fellow Senators. I can also consistently include the employes of the Senate, and desire to commend especially the engrossing department for the faithful performance of their duties. And if you will pardon a slight digression right here, I want to say that those of you who are readers of ancient history, will well remember the famous saying of the celebrated “Sam Patch,” who said “that there were some things that could be done as well as others.” And this same thought is eloquently expressed by King Solomon, who states it in most beautiful language, saying: “I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all.”

The application thereof and the point I desire to make is on the word “chance,” because I am thankful that we live in a land where every man can have his chance and if he accepts the opportunity thereof, and fully measures up to its requirements and responsibilities, discharg-