

*The subjoined lines, written by a lady of our Muscatine parish, accompanied the Ladies' farewell gift to Miss Paget of a pin set with a fine Mississippi pearl.*

"THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE."

No pearl of fabulous price we bring,—  
Only a simple offering,  
Silently grown at our very door,  
Redeemed from the waves that wash the shore  
Of the Father of Waters.

Emblem of all that is perfect and pure,  
That the lustre of virtue and love ensure,  
Just fitted, dear Lady, for one like you—  
So rich in good deeds—so tender and true.

You have shared all our sorrows,  
You have known all our cares,  
You're the "Angel" that we've "entertained un-  
awares."

Then wear it!—'tis only the faintest device  
Of the jewel all crave, "The Pearl of Great Price."

MARY A. GORDON.

Muscatine, April 18, 1899.