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Almost two months later, (November 16th) de Maisonneuve and his companions landed at Ville Marie. Four years elapsed before a school could be opened. During that interval, Sister Bourgeoys made herself "all things to all men in order to save all". (1. Cor. IX. 22). Not only did she nurse the sick, console the afflicted, teach catechism from house to house, wash and mend for the poor and for soldiers, but she was also de Maisonneuve's adviser in the affairs of Ville Marie, then a precarious outpost constantly exposed to Iroquois raids. At last her heart's desire was accomplished. In a poor stone stable given by the Governor, she opened her first school on April 30th, 1657. On the feast of the Visitation, July 2d, 1658, she founded a sodality for young girls. Unable to continue the work alone, she crossed over to France, and after a long and arduous journey, re-