

In 1858, the first 'Kindergarten' in Montreal was founded on Bonaventure street by the Rev. Father Rousselot a Sulpician. It was known as "*Salle d'Asile St-Joseph*", but was ultimately closed, because its proximity to the railroad made it dangerous for the small children who came there to school.

In 1885, during an epidemic of small pox, forty grey nuns devoted themselves to the care of the victims in their homes and in the hospitals.

Since the days of their foundress, the sisters each year have provided for a certain number of poor students who board in the establishment.

In the Mother House, at present, the Grey nuns care for foundlings, orphan boys and girls, poor and aged men and women, besides having an Industrial School for young girls.

The Foundlings.

The number received annually is between 450 and 500. Since the founding, 37,168 infants have been admitted.

The number of children averages between 100 and 120.

There are at present in the Nursery 126.

The children who survive, when not kept in the Nursery, are either placed out to board or adopted by good families.

In 1911, 55 were adopted.

When about three years of age, the little children leave the Nursery and are placed with the Orphans. These Foundlings come from all directions and belong to all nationalities.

The conditions of admission are simple, and can be fulfilled even by the poorer classes, when they apply with honest intentions.