

Hotel Dieu, and before that as a Baptist College, being now a boarding and day school conducted by the Congregation Sisters. In 1880 the old mother house was transferred near to Villa Maria, but their magnificent structure was burned down in 1893, when they returned to the old home down town. There also was housed in 1899 the Normal School for girls, opened that year by the sisters and conducted by them for the Government of the province.

Present Mother House and College

In July, 1908, the magnificent romanesque group of buildings on Sherbrooke street, at the west corner of Atwater avenue, were opened for the mother house and temporary home of their Notre Dame College, for the higher education of young women, receiving their degrees from the University of Laval and now from that of Montreal. On January 14, 1914, the Normal School down town was transferred to a similar imposing, though smaller, edifice, on the opposite side of Atwater avenue. The work of demolition on the ancient site was then quickly completed. But not a tablet is to be seen in the vicinity recording the sites of two historic shrines, of the settlement house, "La Providence," or of the original first stone stable-school house or its successors, extending over a period of 250 years of pioneering educational work by Marguerite Bourgeoys and the institute she founded for Montreal!

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