

where they were taught how to work and how to sanctify manual labor by prayer. This establishment was praised by the Governor, who recommended it to the French Minister of Marine. When young girls were sent out from France, Mother Bourgeoys forestalling a favorite work of modern philanthropists, met them at the harbour, took them to a house prepared for that purpose, and kept them under her care until they were settled in homes of their own. Nor did she hesitate to help them in the choice of suitable partners, nor to affix her small, neat signature to Marriage Contracts signed in the convent parlor. To aid and encourage former pupils, closed retreats were often held during which women of all ages came to renew the fervor of their early days and to find fresh strength for the struggle of life. In the midst of an existence thus actively devoted to God's service, Marguerite Bourgeoys' soul grew in recollection, humility and penance.. She made