

turned with four companions. In spite of untold poverty, uninterrupted toil, and continual danger of attacks from fierce Indians, the heroic task of the pioneer educators was successfully carried on. Children were received at a very early age: the first of Mother Bourgeoys' charges was not yet five years old. A few little Indian girls were adopted, baptized, and educated by the Sisters. For several years, both boys and girls were taught in their schools. In order to provide for the instruction of the well-to-do colonists, a boarding-school was opened where for many years nearly all the young girls of Ville Marie and the surrounding country were taught. Great attention was given, not only to religious and secular education, but also to manual training. What is known as "Domestic Economy", "Domestic Science," or "Household Science," was a favorite item of Mother Bourgeoys' curriculum. The poorer children were gathered into an Industrial School,