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took her for her first visit to the Salvation Army Citadel. It was at this time that Minnie borrowed a cradle for Amy from their neighbours, the Pipers, who lived across the road. When Amy was a small child their house burned down. Some time later Amy changed her name to Aimee. From all accounts Aimee seems to have inherited the best qualities from both parents - her father's intelligence and her mother's fire. Minnie "ruled the roost" in their home. Everywhere Aimee went, and in everything she did Minnie fussed and fretted. Even when Aimee was thirty-six years old, Minnie still referred to her as "the child" or "my baby".

When Aimee was fourteen she graduated from the one room school in Salford to the large highschool in Ingersoll. She had to walk to and from school. In winter she could take the horse and cutter but she found that by walking to the station in Salford, she could go by train and enjoyed sitting up front with the engineers. She also liked to sneak into the moving picture show, and go window shopping. Aimee started to become worldly. She went to dances, read novels and played rag time music on the piano, all of which her parents disapproved. At this time Aimee started taking elocution lessons. She was soon in popular demand as an entertainer at church suppers and wedding parties. She won gold and silver medals at the regular contests sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

When she won a trip to Montreal in a popularity contest sponsored by the local newspaper, her own world suddenly seemed small. About this time a new preacher appeared in town. This preacher was different - he belonged to the Pentecostal Church. Aimee was curious about all this and felt a kind of excitement. She persuaded her father to take her to the meetings. As soon as the preacher stood in front of the audience Aimee felt she had never seen