



That's the spirit

Jessie Pilfrey gently strokes the frail hand. The woman lies prone in a hospital bed, wan, emaciated, feeble. The body seems brittle. As she struggles for life, breath comes in soft, sucking gasps. Jessie Pilfrey recites Scripture and whispers consolation in her ear.

The setting is Toronto's Grace Hospital. Jessie is a Salvation Army major and the hospital's senior chaplain.

"My task", she reflects, "is to bring sufferers Christian comfort and hope to the dying. Sometimes it is harrowing work - but so rewarding".

Major Pilfrey, herself a widow, is obviously content in her calling. The exhausting hours and sometimes fatiguing bedside vigils bring rewards few other vocations can match.

For over 50 years Toronto Grace has been a highly respected maternity, and latterly general hospital. It has a superb reputation.

Now it's into long term care with a palliative nursing unit for cancer casualties.

The place radiates compassion and loving concern. Take a Sunday chapel service.

Some patients arrive on crutches. Most are brought along in wheel chairs.

The hymns are old favourites like "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Onward Christian Soldiers".

Prayers are brief, personal and fervent.

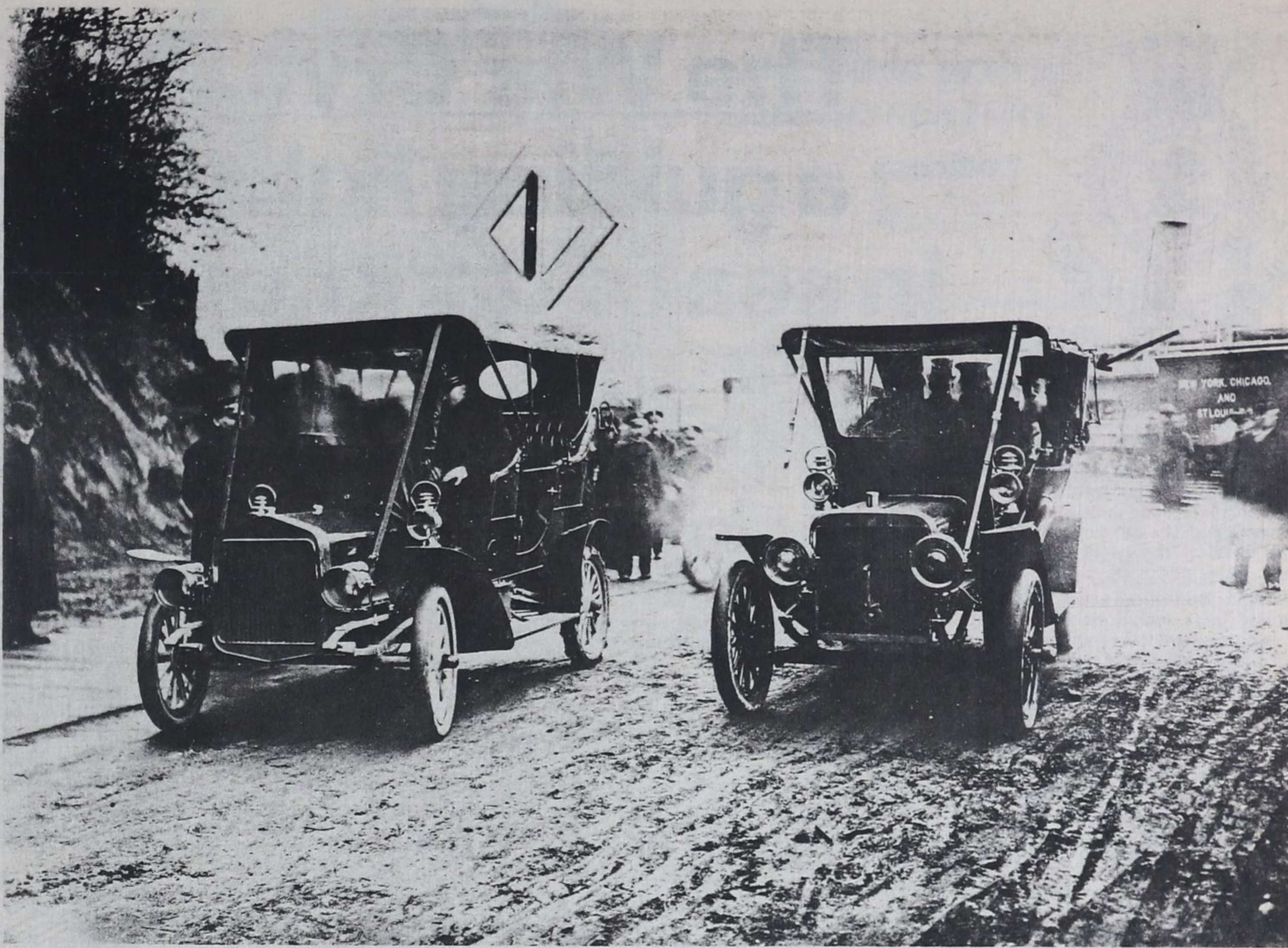
The homily is couched in elementary language, and brightened with honely illustrations.

Some patients sleep peacefully, but most listen in contented contemplation.

Jessie Pilfrey is there watching over her flock, the essence of compassion and tenderness.

Major Pilfrey is typical of what the Salvation Army has been practicing in Canada for 100 years, and what it is planning to do for at least 100 more.

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The Founder's last visit to Vancouver in 1907 was an occasion of great celebration. The freedom of the city and the use of its automobiles was conferred by Mayor Bethune who eulogized General Booth and offered full support to the Army, endorsing its methods of saving and helping the masses.

What has The Salvation Army done for you recently? If you're sick, imprisoned, elderly, despairing or in trouble of any kind, the answer probably is, a great deal. During 100 years, The Salvation Army has helped millions of Canadians, body and soul. The Salvation Army, still caring after 100 years, that's the spirit.

Remember the old hymn, Onward Christian Soldiers? Well, for 100 years, one group of Canadians has been

living out its words. The Salvation Army has been fighting for dignity and hope and a new way of life for people with needs of every kind. The Salvation Army is 100 years old this year and still caring, that's the spirit.

An old song says "Nobody loves you when you're down and out". Well, it's not true. When you've got trouble, any kind of trouble, spiritual or physical, you can always turn to one group of Canadians for help. That's The Salvation Army, they'll

care for you, body and soul. This is their Centennial Year and they're still caring, after one hundred years.

The Salvation Army offers spiritual and physical help of every kind, from despair

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