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## ONCE A TRINITY CORPORATION, EVER ONE.

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**T**HE Trinity Corporation remains true to itself unto the end.

A close to a hundred years' career, that typified throughout the worst vices implied in landlordism—rapine, brazen violation of law, cruelty to tenants, disregard of human health and life—reached point, at last, in the matter of the St. Johns Chapel, when the beneficiaries of the Corporation realized they “had no friends,” and feared their sins were about to come down over their heads like a pile of bricks.

At that pinch what does the Corporation decide upon?—To make a clean breast? make an open confession? restore to the State School Fund the vast property that has long reverted to it and has all this time been wrongfully withheld by the Corporation? Not a bit!

At this pinch, and performing, or attempting to perform, a veritable “tour de force,” the Trinity Church Corporation proposes to cap what was considered an already capped landlord career, by a supreme landlord trick.

The Trinity Church Corporation proposes to sell. It claims it will no longer be a landlord—and it attests its duplicity with the supreme landlord act of selling and pocketing the proceeds. Nor is this all.

It may be said that a landlord, if he sells, pay justly pocket the converted property in the shape of money. In this instance, however, what the landlord is doing is to seek to transfer to “innocent purchasers” a property that the landlord himself is not entitled to.

Thus, after nigh to a hundred years of piracy, Trinity Church Corporation seeks to pocket the money for lands it has not been entitled to hold,—and let the “innocent purchaser” take his chances with the State, against which no Statute of Limitations can run, and which may at any time dispossess the “innocent purchaser.”

Once a Trinity Church Corporation, ever one.

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