

§ THEIR HOMES

his funeral in "The Little Church Around the Corner" never will forget the gathering of sobbing mourners.

Lester Wallack succeeded as Shepherd, and was in turn succeeded by Beckett. This was in 1879, when the club removed to 19 East Sixteenth Street. Prompted by a laudable desire to economize, the entire cash assets of the club being only \$80.40, Beckett insisted on himself carrying many of the articles belonging to the Lambs' from the old quarters to the new. Finally his frequent trips aroused the suspicions of a policeman, who halted him, and on searching under his coat discovered various component parts of the club's billiard table, but finally was convinced of the comedian's identity and innocent purpose.

Arrived at the club, Beckett gravely informed his friends that he had had an encounter with four policemen, but had taken down their numbers. Then he unveiled the