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- Failure to meet the engagement at the exact time.
- Failure to carry the Christlike spirit into every act of the life.—*Ex.*

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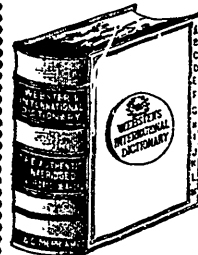
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