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 the Father. So that the mystery of His tles, who by his special were the   
 name Emmanuel (with which, as Stier founders and first of that Church   
 remarks, this Gospel begins and ends) —but whose office, that very account,   
 is fulfilled—God is with us. And— precluded the idea of succession or re-   
 the (appointed) days—for they are num- newal. That St. does not   
 bered by the Father, though by none but. record the or manner of the Ascension,   
 Him. unto the end of the is not to be used as a ground any pre-   
 that time of which they had heard in so -sumptions regarding the authenticity of   
 many parables, about which they had the records of it which we possess. The   
 aaked, ch. 3—literally, the narrative here is suddenly brought to a   
 of the state of time. After that, will termination: that in John ends with an   
 be no more properly speaking with but express declaration its incompleteness.   
 we with Him (John xvii. 24) where He is. What reasons there may have been for the   
 To understand with you only of the omission, either subjective, the mind of   
 Apostles and their (?) successors, to the author of the Gospel, or objective,   
 destroy the whole force these most the fragmentary character of the   
 weighty words. The command is ¢o reports which are here- put together, is   
 but to be it CuurcH—to be Pro- wholly out of our power, in age of the   
 formed, in the nature of things, by her world, to determine. As before remarked,   
 ministers and teachers, the manner of the fact itself here and elsewhere in   
 which is not here prescribed, Gospel (see ch. 44; xxiv.30; xxv. 14,   
 81; xxvi. 64) clearly