

Lord our good works; He Himself is the author of all good. Then another thief, and the most dangerous one of all the four I have mentioned, and that is evil speaking, and this is an offence above many, for it not only hinders our prayers but it seals our disunion with Christ. No man who speaks evil of his neighbor or their children can enjoy uninterrupted communion with God; this severs the branch from the vine at once; it does not require a length of time to do this. The moment we commit the act the light of God's reconciled countenance is withdrawn and the guilty persons in the dark. Another hindrance to our prayers and entire devotion to God is, fear. This manslayer, if I may use the words, for other sins have slain their thousands, but this has slain its ten thousands. How many men and women and even children would be in the Church to-day were it not for fear of scorn, or frowns, or angry words, or proud looks, and disdain on the part of the Church and the world.

A Christian's Reply.

As I was conversing with a Minister once, I said I believed sanctification was obtained in a moment by some, for that was the way in which I received it, and that others might get it as a gradual work. The good man replied: Ah! but there is a moment when sin dies. How true!

The Sanctification of Ann Preston—continued.

Although convinced that she could live in the world and keep this great blessing, she was anxious to be away from earth amongst the great company of the just made perfect, to do which she thought she would fast. How mysterious to think of getting to Heaven by fasting to death; but being so full of the spirit and in such enjoyment of peace and happiness she never thought of falling into temptation. When her master, who had been absent while she was having this marvellous