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OF THE CONVERSION, BAPTISM, AND HAPPY DEATH OF
SOME HURONS; AND OF THE CONDITION OF
CHRISTIANITY AMID THIS BARBARISM.

DURING the present year, eighty-six have been baptized, and, adding to these the fourteen of last year, there are a hundred souls in all who, we believe, have been rescued from the service of the devil in this country since our return. Of this number God has called ten to Heaven,—six while they were young, and four more advanced in age. One of these, named François *Sangwati*, was Captain of our village. He had a naturally good disposition, and consented very willingly to be instructed and to receive Holy Baptism, a course he had previously praised and approved in others. I admired the tender Providence of God in the conversion of a woman, who is one of the four deceased. I baptized her [5] this Autumn at the village of *Scanonaenrat*,¹ when returning from the house of Louys de sainte Foy, where we had gone to instruct his parents. The deafness of this sick woman, and the depths of the mysteries I brought to her notice, prevented her from sufficiently understanding me; and, besides, the accent of that Nation is a little different from that of the Bears, with whom we live. My own imperfect acquaintance with the language rendered me