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THE REV. J. SELLA MARTIN.

The Rev. J. Sella Martin, one of the most eloquent colored speakers of this country, died at New Orleans last Friday from an overdose of jandannum. He was born in North Carolina, but first became prominent in Illinois and Michigan in 1856, where he took an active part in politics. While there he studied for the ministry, and in 1860 he became the pastor of the Joy Street Baptist Church in Boston. He was soon after sent to England as a missionary by the Freeman's Aid Society of Ohio, and remained there several years, making anti-slavery speeches. In 1866 he went South, speaking in Alabama and Mississippi. He succeeded Fred. Douglass as editor of the *New National Era* in Washington, and has since held a position as postmaster in Louisiana. He was also a lyceum lecturer, and corresponded with several newspapers. He was about forty-three years old at the time of his death.