

## OBITUARY.

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### THE REV. J. SELLA MARTIN.

We have intelligence of the death on Friday last, in N. Orleans, of the Rev. J. Sella Martin, a very illustrious colored clergyman. He was a native of North Carolina. He was known as a politician in Illinois and Michigan in 1856. In 1860 he was ordained pastor of the Joy Street Baptist Church in Boston. He visited England as the agent of the Freeman's Aid Society of Ohio, and received there some notice as a speaker. He followed Mr. Douglass as editor of *The New National Law* in Washington. He has since been a postmaster in Louisiana. Mr. Martin was a speaker of marked ability, possessing a pleasing address, and having an excellent gift of holding his audience. A speech delivered by him in this city on the occasion of the John Brown raid was an excellent specimen of his force of mind and effective manner.